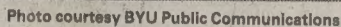


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Merry Christmas to all.  
And to all, good luck on your final  
exams and survive the drive home for  
the holidays.



Sister Lee said at Christmas her family looks forward to contact with family members serving missions.



"I'm looking forward to that call, it will be the very best part of my Christmas," Sister Lee said.

President Lee said he remembers being a student at BYU and hearing the pleas of President Ernest L. Wilkinson for students to drive carefully as they traveled home.

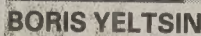
"Now I understand how he felt. I have developed a kind of paternalistic attitude in that respect and worry

Sister Lee said her memories of Christmas as a student at BYU are of just getting through with finals. "My dominant memory is just trying to get done with finals so I could go home," she said.

Sister Lee said it is important to remember how fortunate we are to have Christ as our Savior. "Christmas triggers those feelings of thankfulness and love and is a time when everyone opens up their hearts."

Associated Press

...that the president had a



In an address to the Russian legis-

Yeltsin said the commonwealth represented perhaps "the last chance" for preserving order and co-operation.

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Anderson kept trying, slapping the button box a time or two before

He said their release also demonstrated "that hostage-taking does not help."

**By JOSEPH OGDEN**  
Universe Staff Writer

The average high temperature measured at the airport on the big day is 38, with the average low at 22.

Last Christmas, the 18-degree high was the coldest ever, said Bill Alder, meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service in Salt Lake City. Records were set for high five days in a row from Dec. 21-25, 1990, with the high on Dec. 22 climbing to a chilly 2.



# NEWS DIGEST

Compiled from staff and news service reports

## Libertarian enters U.S. Senate race

Construction worker and political unknown Maury Modine has entered the race for Utah's open U.S. Senate seat against such heavyweight candidates as Wayne Owens and Joe Cannon.

Modine, a Libertarian candidate, says he believes in less government and eliminating debts. He said he also supports cutting federal involvement in personal and business affairs. Modine is in favor of privatization of local services.

"We don't want to be burdened with bureaucracy; we don't want to be burdened with taxation; we don't want to be burdened with debts," Modine said.

Debby Morgan, media contact for the Libertarian Party, said the government is like "a monster out of control."

In his announcement Modine attacked Congress and its members for increasing bureaucracy and "compromising and abandoning what few principles they may have taken with them to Washington."

Modine said Congress is "a mess" because of lack of leadership, problems with economics and not listening to its constituents. He said "Congress is leading us to national bankruptcy."

Morgan said, "There are no candidates out there you can trust anymore." Modine said the United States has a few options in government. He said one option is to maintain the status quo and accept things the way they are.

## First Presidency gives Christmas message

The First Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has issued the following Christmas message to the world:

"We rejoice with all of Christianity during this blessed time of year when our thoughts turn toward Him whose birth we celebrate, even Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We love Him, we praise Him and we invite all to come unto Him.

"He alone lived a perfect life and made atonement for the sins of others doing the will of His Father. Little wonder that at His birth angels sang, a new star arose, wise men took notice and prophets rejoiced. His Gospel is a message of love.

"It was He who with great love and tenderness invoked a blessing of comfort: 'peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid.' (John 14:27)

"We humbly extend a blessing of peace and comfort upon all who seek the Lord during the holy season. May the coming year be filled with joy and find us obedient to the commandments of God as exemplified in the life of His Son."

## Smith, family pray for accuser

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Sen. Edward Kennedy was the real target of the prosecutor in William Kennedy Smith's rape trial, Smith's lawyer said Thursday. He said she blundered by putting the senator on the stand.

Roy Black also said Smith joined his family in prayers for his accuser after he was acquitted Wednesday.

"When we went back to the house, we said a number of prayers," Black said, "and one of them was for (her). We felt she had a tough time. We felt she was disturbed. Will has no bitterness toward her. Part of the prayer was that she be able to get her life together and start a new life with her child."

A Kennedy family friend, Jesuit seminarian Charles O'Byrne, led the session, which also included "a prayer for Will to put his life back together," Black said.

"I tend to think it wouldn't have gone as far as it did if he wasn't a Kennedy," Black said. "They put Will on trial, but they really wanted to prosecute Ted. People may criticize Ted Kennedy. When he comes into a courtroom and sits 10 feet from the jurors, they can't help but be impressed," Black said.

## Bush to host Soviet-aid conference

WASHINGTON — President Bush will convene an international conference early next month to coordinate the flow of food, medicine, fuel and shelter to the people of the collapsing Soviet Union as winter closes in, the White House said Thursday.

The industrial Western countries, oil-rich Arab kingdoms and the newly emerging democracies in Eastern and Central Europe all will be invited along with worldwide financial institutions, Secretary of State James A. Baker III said in elaborating on the move in a speech at Princeton University.

Bush signed legislation on Thursday to provide \$400 million in Pentagon funds to help the Soviets dismantle their nuclear and other weapons, and \$100 million for transportation of humanitarian assistance to the Soviets.

As the Soviet Union splinters, Baker pledged the United States would work with republics that are committed to democratic principles but would not help those on an opposite course.

## Scientists synthesize virus in laboratory

WASHINGTON — Researchers say they have created a virus in a test tube, an advance that could help in the search for new treatments for the common cold and for other little-understood viruses.

A team at the school of medicine at the State University of New York at Stony Brook reports Friday in the journal Science that a polio virus formed itself in a test tube after they mixed components of a polio viral particle with some of the proteins and enzymes from a human cancer cell.

Neither the virus nor the cell was intact at the beginning of the experiment, but at the end, whole, fully active viruses appeared, the researchers said.

"This is the first time that a virus has been grown in a cell-free environment," said team leader Eckard Wimmer. The process is much simpler than other techniques used to study viruses, he said, and is expected to give insights into previously hidden areas of the viral life cycle.

Prior to the SUNY experiment, it was thought that viruses could reproduce themselves only in whole, intact cells.

## Travel agent's guilty plea can't be changed, judge says

By TAD R. WALCH  
Universe Staff Writer

A Provo judge denied a motion Wednesday that would have set aside a plea bargain agreement in the case of a former owner of a Provo travel agency.

Judge George Ballif ruled that Donald Ralph Thorup, originally charged with over 80 counts of criminal misconduct, failed to show good cause to have his guilty plea changed.

Thorup, 54, the former owner of the now-defunct Kimo's Tours, changed attorneys shortly after entering the plea Oct. 18. He now maintains he is innocent and the motion was an attempt by his new attorney to force a trial.

The charges against Thorup were filed in September. One count was dropped by the prosecution and a second thrown out by a judge during a week-long preliminary hearing.

Rather than face the remaining 82 counts, including computer and communications fraud, racketeering, and sexual exploitation of a minor, Thorup's attorney, Vernon Romney, advised him to accept a plea bargain offered by the state.

The bargain called for Thorup to plead guilty to one first-degree felony of communications fraud. He would also plead guilty to four counts of computer fraud, one count of theft and one count of racketeering, all second-degree felonies.

Thorup faces from six to 90 years imprisonment on the second-degree charges, and a possible sentence of five years to life for the first-degree felony. He could also be fined \$70,000 and may have to reimburse all victims. Court documents show Thorup owes dozens of victims more than \$100,000.

Harry Caston became Thorup's attorney of record Nov. 8 and filed the motion to set aside the guilty plea the same day.

In an affidavit, Thorup said he "wished since the very second I entered my plea of guilty, to withdraw my plea. I have always and continue to stand by my innocence."

Thorup said he agreed to the plea due to Romney's insistence, whom he accused of coercion by using his father to get him to make the plea.

"I believe (Romney) knew of my emotional attachment to my father and played on my feelings for him," said Thorup, whose father's health is failing.

Thorup said he also did not feel he could go against his family's wishes because he is dependent on them for his legal fees.

His father, Jim Thorup, said he began to doubt Romney's actions and had "the impression that Mr. Romney just wanted to hurry and get the matter over with so that he could extricate himself from it."

Romney testified Dec. 6 at a hearing on Thorup's motion. He denied

using coercion to get Thorup to enter the plea. "I absolutely did not (coerce anyone) and I am offended by that word," he said. "I strongly suggested but did not coerce him."

In making his ruling, Ballif said the evidence presented at the motion hearing showed "nothing more than an attorney counseling the defendant and his family with regard to what he considers to be the best approach."

Ballif ordered Thorup to appear before him for sentencing Jan. 10. Thorup was released from custody at Utah County Jail after his father posted a \$25,000 property bail Oct. 22.

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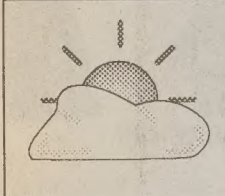
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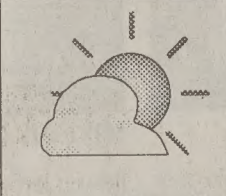
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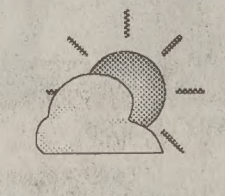
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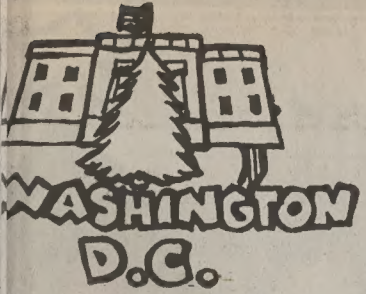
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I grew up in Maryland, about 45 minutes east of Washington D.C., and I never went to a single farm on elementary school field trips. For one reason, this makes my colleagues here at The Daily Universe think I don't know what a manger is and that Christmas in Washington D.C. must be drastically different from Christmas somewhere else.

Maybe my Christmas memories are a little different than theirs. D.C. absolutely closes down at the first hint of snow. I remember muddy slush got us out of school for almost the entire month of December in 1979 — that was the best Christmas vacation of my life.

I remember sneaking out of the Old Theater's annual performance of "A Christmas Carol" with some friends to watch President Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev sign a nuclear arms reduction treaty in 1987. My English teacher was shocked that we would rather watch politicians sign a treaty than make a real Christmas memory in the historic theater where President Lincoln was shot. I like to think the continued success of such activities is one of the best Christmas presents I could ask for.

But, I never walked out on one of John F. Kennedy Center's performances of "The Nutcracker" or dreamed of missing a year of the U.S. Naval Academy's performance of Handel's "Messiah." I'll never forget the year my sister and I got to sing "Silent Night" on the grounds of the Washington Monument as President Reagan flipped the switch on the national Christmas tree.

Washington D.C. Temple has a lot to offer, too. Never having been to the Temple Square until I came to BYU, it was the most beautiful Christmas I've ever had ever seen. Maybe it still is. I remember singing "Christmas in Bethlehem" at the D.C. Visitor's Center in 1984 and realizing that the temple is not the White House, is the most important building in the world.

Despite the city sidewalks, busy sidewalks, I think the spirit of Christmas is the same in D.C. as it is anywhere else. I may never see a manger in D.C., but families are what count. D.C. children have knitted stockings, moms make fudge and dads stay in all night on Christmas Eve assembling Barbie Townhouses. Santa goes home, too. I think I'll catch a ride next year.

**universe staff named**  
**Winter Semester**  
**JENNY MOULTON**  
 universe Staff Writer

The Daily Universe has announced its staff for Winter Semester 1992. Robert Ricks, 25, a senior journalism major from Orem, will continue as managing editor of the newspaper, a position he has had since the beginning of this semester.

The remainder of the editorial staff is as follows: news editor, David Brownworth, 25, a senior in journalism from Eagle, Idaho; city editor, Chad Bell, 23, a senior majoring in journalism from Springville; assistant city editor, Sandra Demchuk, 21, a senior in journalism from San Jose, Calif.; sports editor, Jennifer Dermody, 20, a journalism senior from Blackfoot, Idaho; assistant campus editor, Win Weber, 23, a senior in journalism from Orem; sports editor, Rommie Skipper, 24, a junior in journalism from Leland, N.C.; assistant editor, Michelle Erickson, 23, a senior journalism major from Centerville; lifestyle editor, Spencer Bell, 24, a senior in journalism from West Valley Hills, Mich.; opinion editor, Geoffrey M. Thatcher, 24, a junior majoring in journalism from Washington; Amber Cothran, 21, a senior in public relations from Annapolis, Md., will be Monday editor and reporter will be Tad Walch, 24, a senior in journalism from Vancouver, Wash.

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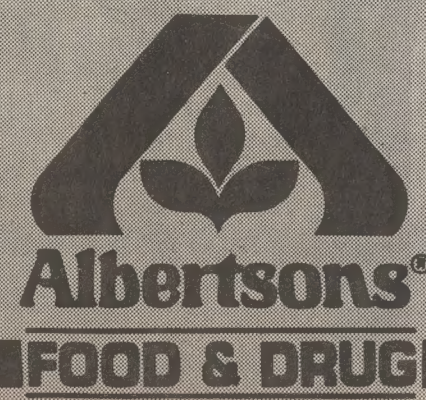
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## Family traditions can spark true meaning of Christmas

By DAVE FARNWORTH  
Universe Staff Writer

I guess you could say Christmas has always been my holiday. There are so many aspects of this time of the year that I enjoy. Family traditions are among some of the things that add to the holiday season.

Every year it seems as though the holiday season gets longer. This year, as soon as the last goblin yelled "Trick or treat," we began to see the trimmings of Christmas. I don't mind.

It is almost as if the hand of Christmas unselfishly reaches out to everyone and shares the gift of giving and sharing. That is what's known as the Christmas spirit. Everyone gets a little friendly, thank-yous are heard a little more often, doors are held open a little longer. If we have to put up with the holiday trimmings a little longer each year in order to feel the Christmas spirit, then that is a small sacrifice to pay.

As far as traditions, the small farming community in Idaho gave us the opportunity to have a great time. Since there was a lot of snow, the only sensible thing to do was to hook up the inner tubes to the old pick-up or the 3-wheeler and go mad. Some of the best memories I have are of taking off across a flat, snow-covered cornfield at speeds that should be illegal on a tube. On a good day, only a few kids would be taken to the hospital.

Sometimes we would get real wild and strap on a pair of skis and pull each other on the 3-wheeler. (That was all fun and games until someone nearly got their eye poked out when my friend accidentally tipped over the 3-wheeler.)

Family traditions also run deep in my memory. When I was young, Christmas meant a new BB gun or a new remote control car. I used to have a personal tradition of sleeping in the hallway on Christmas Eve in hopes of deciphering the hustle and bustle of Dad as he set up the toys in the room below.

At the time, I dreaded piling into the car on Christmas Eve and taking around the plates of homemade candy to Mom and Dad's closest friends. (It seemed like, while we were delivering them anyway, we never had candy like this for us.) However, as our family is growing farther and farther apart both by distance and by busy lives taking precedence, I wish I could be young again and have the opportunity to crowd into that Oldsmobile and make our trusty deliveries while singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" off-key.

Undoubtedly, Dad would find an airplane on a holding pattern above

the Boise Airport and try to convince us it was Santa. As we grew older, we thought we were cool because we knew "the truth," but we would still have fun trying to convince Julie (my youngest sister) that it was the trusty reindeer.

Later, Dad would dust off the Bible and read the story of the birth of Jesus Christ. The night would usually end with Dad telling us that the birth of Christ is the true meaning of Christmas.

Then we would all sprint up to our rooms knowing that the faster we fell asleep, the faster tomorrow would come. One Christmas, I can remember doing somersaults out of my bed because I was so excited. After an hour of ripping, shredding and just plain beating the heck out of the bundles under the tree, Mom and Dad would head back to bed and we would PLAY, or break all of our toys as the case usually was.

However, I eventually came to that point, the point when Christmas traditions take on a whole new meaning. They become more than just ac-

tivities; they become opportunities to enjoy your family and friends. It's a time to tell your little sister, the same one you harassed, teased and rebuked all year long, that you love her by giving her a Barbie dress or a new doll. It becomes a time to show your brother that you love him by giving him a record or tape. And then when he says "Thank you," you say, "Mom picked it out." After all, you couldn't let him know you were totally thrilled he liked it.

After you realize this about Christmas, it never is quite the same. It's a lot better. How fitting that Christmas is the time of the year that we celebrate the Savior's birth and learn how it feels to GIVE to those we love.

Now that I am older and have a family of my own, I am confronted with a lot of questions. Will I adequately teach my children how to give? What holiday traditions will our family start? Will my son sleep in the hall on Christmas Eve?

At the same time, I worry that in these days of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and Michael Jackson dolls, my kids won't have the opportunity to take part in some of the same Christmas memories that I hold so dear. It's a good thing the true meaning of Christmas hasn't become commercialized. It may be getting covered up by all the hype, but with a little elbow grease and effort, it can be dusted off and brought to life.

I'm sure there will be a time in my life when I turn to one of my kids and say, "Do you see that red light in the sky?"



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## Deck the walls ...

The cougar's head above the Grill in the (perhaps) aptly named Cougar Eat is decked out in its holiday finery as BYU gets festive. Other ways folks at the university are celebrating include apple give-aways and Sub-for-Santa.

## Students warned of consumer fraud

By MICHELE EDGLEY  
Universe Staff Writer

Students as consumers are facing more fraud, rip-offs and deceptions this year than ever before, and newlyweds and international students may especially be at risk, said an Ombudsman office representative.

Justine Sirken, a 20-year-old junior majoring in political science, from Gaylord, Mich., said the Ombudsman office frequently handles problems in spurts. "This year has been an exception. We have received complaints steadily throughout the year.

"This year has had a marked increase in student complaints. The blame may lie in the weakened economy," she said. The increase may also be a sign of a weakening job market locally.

"Students most often hit are newly marrieds and international students. Newly marrieds have recently made some big life changes, and may not know what they're doing when they get ripped-off," Sirken said. International students may fall prey to rip-offs because, "they don't understand the law — making them an easy target."

A new trend in the complaints this year has been toward health spas. "Many students are told they will receive a lot of services and sign a contract — only to find out later that they must pay a monthly fee in addition to a separate fee for services such as aerobic classes," Sirken said. "Students need to read the contracts carefully to see what they really are getting for their money."

Other common problems are with insurance companies, scholarship services that sell the service of finding scholarships to the consumer and door-to-door salesmen, Sirken said. "There is also mail fraud and newspaper ads that advertise that if you send in \$5 you will make a million."

Some of their deception is due to the trusting nature of the people in this area, Sirken said. "BYU students can be ripped-off in any environment. The bulk of calls to our office come from students off campus, but the bulk of consumer problems (from services offered and paid for but not delivered) come from on campus."

John S. Peart, a 23-year-old senior in communication studies from Hacienda Heights, Calif., said, "My roommates and I signed what we

thought were BYU approved housing contracts. Our landlord was supposedly buying our condo and wanted \$500 from each of us for rent and a deposit. The landlord never provided us with beds or desks and when his loan fell through, he took the microwave, vacuum, tables and couches — and left. Later we found that our contracts weren't valid. Now he has our money and we have no where to go. Our contracts aren't valid and the condo is up for sale."

Students should check housing contracts, purchases and services very carefully. Students bilked by mail or itinerant salespeople may never have the chance to get their money back.

"There are certain times of the year that students need to be more careful about purchases. Whenever the students move in or out or are making a lot of purchases there are more opportunities to be taken advantage of," Sirken said.

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## Honor Code Council to work during break

By LANCE D. MADIGAN  
Universe Staff Writer

While several other areas around campus will be closing down during the semester break, many members of the Student Honor Code Council will be hard at work. They hope to have certain projects ready by the start of Winter Semester.

Terry Chambers, chair of the council, said several members staying in the area will be working on educational programs, including a poster campaign, a video presentation for incoming students, planning for work with the ID Center and preparation for several firesides in January.

Chambers said, "We talked about the poster campaign and came up with some ideas, which we will be pursuing over Christmas. We have to get approval for some of the ideas we have. We will be taking some of the ideas we have directly to President Snow."

Chambers said, "We are going to be making some presentations at the orientation for the new semester. We will present some educational-type things as well as the (Honor Code) video."

"We are also working with Nancy Carson at the ID center to find ways to make that experience good for students," Chambers said. "That is one of the main places where people are checked to see if they are within standards. The way it has been so far is that if they are not within standards

when they come to have their picture taken or to pick up the activity sticker, they are just turned away."

"We are looking at ways that we can ward off some possible problems and also deal with problems right there on the spot. We want to try to minimize the impact on the students and try to help educate them about the dress and grooming standards."

"One thing we might do, we may very well have Honor Code Council members down at the ID Center during the time that there is ID distribution. So in case there is a problem, we can be right there and help resolve it."

Chambers also said in January, the council will have 12 firesides in 12 wards to show the new video presentation and to create discussion. "We are going to be pretty busy with educational sorts of things, and that is exactly what we want to be doing."

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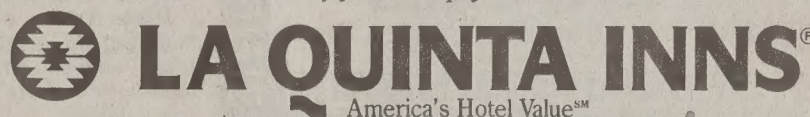


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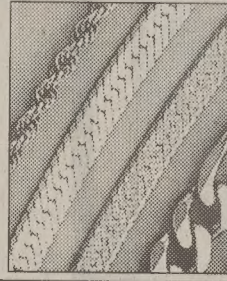


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## Testing center advises no procrastinating

By JENNIFER REX  
Universe Staff Writer

Finals are here once again and many students will be needing to take exams at the testing center during finals week.

The center will be open during finals week, Dec. 16-20, for students to take their various exams. It will open at 7:15 a.m. and close at 10 p.m. each day. However, the last exams will be given out no later than 9:30 p.m.

Lewis J. Wood, manager of the testing center, suggests the best time for students to take their exams is between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Mornings are less busy than afternoon and evening times, Wood said. "The later it gets, the worse it gets."

Nanette Buss, a 22-year-old senior and nursing major from Greeley, Colo., said from her past experiences she is going to take her tests early in the day and on one of the first days of the testing period to avoid the finals rush.

"I hate standing in line after I have already studied, with the anxiety of waiting to take a test when I'm ready to take it."

Wood said students should allow themselves enough time to complete their exams, including time to wait in long lines.

## Weddings are big events and also huge expense

By GEOFFREY M. THATCHER  
Senior Reporter, and  
KATHRYN WALLACE  
Universe Staff Writer

The Christmas season is a time of gift giving, caroling and weddings. It's no secret that weddings can cost a pretty penny, but except for the few students who pay for their own weddings, parents can expect to pay anywhere in the neighborhood of \$1,000 to \$15,000 for their child's nuptial festivities.

Celia Greenan, a 21-year-old junior from Danville, Calif., is planning for a December wedding. The public relations major said her parents are spending about \$5,000 on the wedding and that doesn't include the reception at the groom's house, wedding breakfast and honeymoon.

Greenan said all the preparations — flowers, invitations, food, dresses, cake and parties — should be worth the expense. "It better be," she said.

One student said when she gets married the wedding will cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000.

However, weddings costing several thousand dollars are not common for all BYU students.

Diane Arters, a 23-year-old junior majoring in English from Hailey, Idaho, said she and her husband had to take care of the wedding expenses themselves.

"We went as cheap as we could," Arters said. She said she got a wedding cake for a dollar a slice. "I found my gown on a sales rack at ZCMI for \$65."

She said the reception was at a tennis club her brother managed. A friend took their pictures and Arters said they got a great deal on the rings.

For their honeymoon they went camping in Yellowstone and stayed in their parents' friend's guest home for one night. She said the honeymoon was only about \$250.

But even after getting good deals

on the cake, dress and pictures, Arters said costs like \$75 on stamps and \$150 for invitations put the total cost of the wedding at about \$1,500.

After calling around to the various jewelry stores, floral shops and other wedding stores, The Daily Universe came up with the following estimates:

The first cost is usually an investment into rings. Gold bands run from \$100 to \$400. A traditional engagement ring with a half carat and a gold band will cost about \$1,500 to \$2,000. And there are more expensive settings and smaller diamonds.

Next, there is the question of where to have the wedding. Renting the cultural hall of the local LDS chapel is the cheapest route, but receptions usually are the most expensive chapter in the wedding scrapbook.

Local hotel ballrooms and halls are about \$700 to \$1,000 by the day. This figure usually includes catering. Flowers, place settings, pictures, dresses, tuxes, music or entertainment can add thousands more.

Wedding gown rental shops are becoming more popular. Wedding, bridesmaid and mother of the bride dresses can be rented for about \$35 to \$300 compared to the average cost of about \$400 to buy a wedding gown.

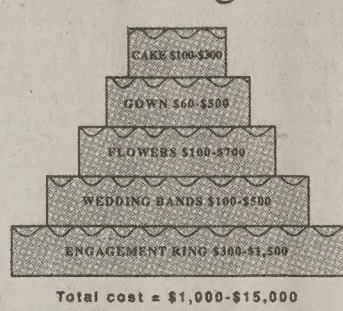
Couples say the average cost of a wedding is about \$5,000 and some now wish they could have the thousands to pay rent and other expenses.

Tammy and Brian were married in July and wish they had the money spent on their wedding now.

"My family probably spent \$20,000 on the reception, and Brian and I are really struggling now," Tammy said. She said it seems stupid now that all the money was spent for a one day event that will fade from memory.

Most couples agree that unexpected costs come up but say the cost is usually worth it.

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## Learning languages is easier thanks to computer system

By JENNIFER REX  
Universe Staff Writer

In the academic school year 1990-91, 4,000 BYU students used a computer program in the Humanities Learning and Resource Center that helped them learn foreign languages.

The program, called Time Shared Interactive Computer Controlled Instructional Television (TICCIT), was developed here at BYU and is now used by several other organizations, including the U.S. military, according to Bob Bockholt, a programmer at the HLRC.

TICCIT is used for additional instruction by many students who take foreign language classes, aside from the classroom experience, Bockholt said. "It's called drill and practice."

He said the students who use TICCIT have a real advantage because immediate feedback on their work is received. This enables them to recognize what they need to practice at the time.

Bockholt said the program, instead of being a teacher, is like a tutor. According to Bockholt, there are many language programs on TICCIT, such as Danish, English, English as a second language, French, German, Italian, Norwegian, Russian, Portuguese, Spanish and Swedish.

Kimberlee Sorenson, a 19-year-old sophomore from Murray, majoring in home economics education, is now taking Spanish 201. She said, "I think TICCIT is really helpful. It helps re-

inforce what we've learned in class." Overall, she said TICCIT is an effective program in helping her learn Spanish.

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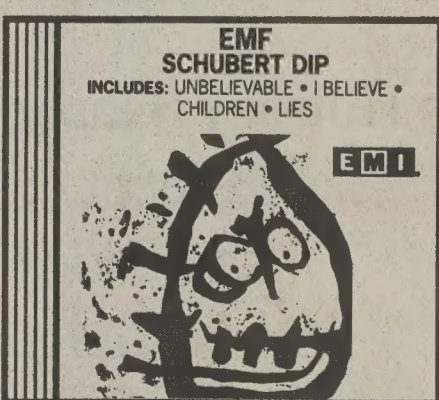
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# Boy's gift of toy to orphanage in Mexico exemplifies true meaning of Christmas spirit

By GEOFFREY M. THATCHER  
Senior Reporter

"Feliz Navidad! Feliz Navidad!" the children would sing as they ran around a withered Christmas tree in a small orphanage in Ensenada, Mexico.

The chipped tile floor and donated furniture in the orphanage were a cry from my family's cozy couch and throwing I use to sit on while warming my hands by the fire.

As I sat around the Christmas tree in Mexico, pretending to sing carols in Spanish that I didn't understand, I dreamed about my home in Farmington, Utah, and the day I left.

When my neighbors found out I was going to Mexico, many of them donated items that are of no real value to an average American family, but would bring some joy into the life of an underprivileged child.

However, as I thought about leaving home while I was sitting on the couch in Mexico, I recalled how surprised I was at the quality of donations that one family brought to my home. They brought balls, toys, clothes, food and then some. It was clear that this was not just a "token contribution."

As I loaded the donations into the car for the trip, one of the families' children lingered by the car while his brothers and sisters played and walked in my home.

In the hustle of packing, I picked up a little toy airplane and went to place it in the trunk of the car. The little boy, standing next to me, looked affectionately at the toy and said, "That's my airplane."

At the time I had responded with a cold, "Oh, how nice," and had gone about my business. But while sitting on the couch in Mexico with an orphan on my knee, I understood the spirit in which the toy was given.

The boy had a look on his face as if he was giving away one of his favorite things in the whole world. I imagined the parents of this boy telling their children to donate a toy that was more than just an old or broken toy they no longer played with.

I imagined the boy scurrying off to his room and rummaging through the toy chest looking for that one special toy. I even dared to imagine the boy shedding a small tear as he thought about parting with his toy airplane that had brought him so much joy.

I imagined a smile through his tears as he thought about a young orphan receiving his airplane as a gift.

It was then I knew why the boy lingered around the car to get one last glimpse of his airplane. And it was then I gained an increased understanding of the true meaning of Christmas.

"Feliz Navidad!" The children sang, and it is children who most often exemplify the true spirit of Christmas.

# BYU tells students to drive carefully

By ANN MARIE JENNINGS and NATHAN PUGSLEY  
Universe Staff Writers

Before the Winter Semester begins Jan. 6, 1992, the majority of BYU students will make a trip home to celebrate Christmas and the new year.

Sadly, statistics show BYU loses more students to traffic accidents than any other means, according to a University Police spokesman.

Bill Pray, public relations assistant for the University Police, said students need to be reminded once again to be careful while driving home for the holidays.

To help remind the students, BYUSA is sponsoring the second part of its "Survive the Long Drive" program.

The first part was during the Thanksgiving holiday.

For the second year in a row, no accidents or deaths were reported over the Thanksgiving holidays. That means all 28,649 enrolled BYU students made it back to class safely the Monday after Thanksgiving.

Last year was the first time in five years no students were killed over the Thanksgiving season, an apparent success for the new BYUSA program.

Thanksgiving weekend marked the start of winter driving when motorists need to use extra caution while driving in winter conditions and while driving at night, said Robert Parenti, director of the Utah Safety Council.

"Survive the Long Drive" is a great BYUSA program because it is successful. I credit the fact that all of the students returned last year and this year to BYUSA because they made students aware of the hazards of driving and made them think," Pray said.

When an accident or death does occur, the responsibility to call the

parents falls on the Department of Student Life.

"There's nothing worse than having to call parents at Thanksgiving or Christmas and tell them 'your son or daughter won't be home,'" said Maren Mouritsen, dean of Student Life.

"It's not that students do anything wrong that causes them to get into an accident, it's just that they push themselves further than they should have," Wayne Herlin, assistant dean of Student Life said.

The wrecked cars and information booth will be on campus during the week of finals. The booth will have survival kits, emergency phone numbers and a video showing how to drive in snow and ice.

Spencer said BYUSA is trying to get billboards posted on I-15 north and south of BYU.

"I've heard a lot of mixed reactions about the smashed cars," Herlin said.

"Some try to be optimistic and think it won't happen to them, but the fact is that the cars stay on the mind and remind you of what could happen," he said.

Pray gave several suggestions for students to keep in mind as they travel during Christmas.

\*Plan the trip beforehand. Have an itinerary with a planned route, and let someone at BYU and at your destination know your arrival times so they can take action if something happens.

\*Be prepared for an emergency. Take emergency essentials such as food, warm clothing, blankets, a flashlight and flares.

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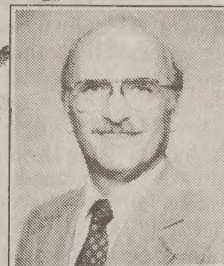
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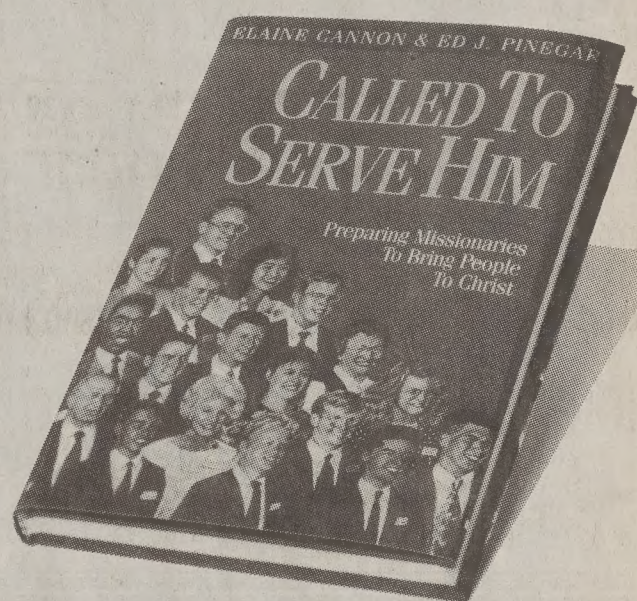


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## SAC trying to improve Pres. Lee's accessibility

By CHERI PADFIELD  
Universe Staff Writer

The Student Advisory Council said they are looking for ways to make President Rex E. Lee and BYU administrators more accessible to students.

SAC's ideas could have President Lee and some administrators serving students ice cream in the Cougarreat one afternoon during winter semester.

SAC will gather students' suggestions and present a formal letter with their ideas to President Lee sometime during the first weeks of winter semester, said Joe Kerry, president of SAC.

President Lee is already working on becoming more accessible to students; he plans on setting up a program to have lunch with students starting winter semester.

"What I'm planning to do is have lunch periodically with a small group of students," President Lee said he thinks the program will work from a sign-up sheet on a first-come, first-served basis.

He said the longevity of the lunch program will depend on the amount of student interest and response.

President Lee said he has been a little disappointed with student attendance at the question-and-answer sessions he participates in every semester, but said he would consider doing more of them if there was student interest.

"I definitely think there is student interest in the question-and-answer sessions, but in the past they have been at times when fewer students are on campus."

Kerry said SAC will suggest that President Lee change the question-and-answer session from Thursday at 3 p.m. to Tuesday at 11 a.m. or Wednesday or Monday at noon. Kerry said he thinks more students are on campus at these times, so it would have better attendance.

Students said they are looking forward to activities that would allow them to become better acquainted with President Lee.

Some students said they were apprehensive before they met President Lee because of his success in the business world and Supreme Court. "You're intimidated until you meet

him," said Kristin Filippone, 20, a senior psychology major from San Dimas, Calif.

Students with suggestions about how to make President Lee more accessible to students should contact the SAC office at 878-7187.

President Lee said he is looking forward to SAC's suggestions because he feels his accessibility is important.

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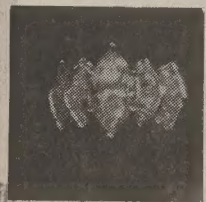
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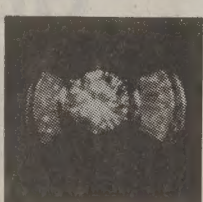
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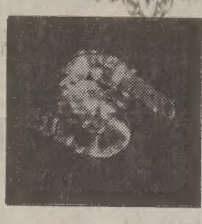
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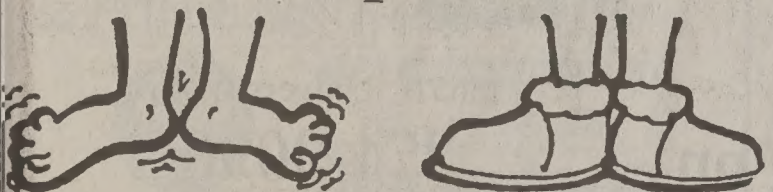


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# Law school students already taking finals

By LANCE D. MADIGAN  
Universe Staff Writer

While students move into the final testing period, anxiety over tests begins to rise. But for law school students, final tests have already been going on for awhile now.

"We started exams on Monday, December ninth, and will go through the 20th," said Carolyn Stewart, administrative assistant for the J. Ruben Clark Law School. "We have a two-week exam period. Exams themselves don't necessarily last longer, but it takes us longer to get through them."

Stewart explained that with the fewer numbers of instructors and fewer total number of classes offered, it makes it harder for tests to be scheduled. "We just have that many exams and can only offer one exam at a time. In the few instances that there are two classes taught at the same time, we can offer both of those ex-

ams, but otherwise we can't." But just because the testing period is longer, that doesn't mean the tests are longer as well. Stewart said, "Usually a two-hour class will have a two-hour final. They may vary a little, but that is the general rule."

Stewart said that spreading finals out is nothing new. Finals have been given in this form since the law school was founded. "It is the basic format of all law schools."

Another reason for spreading out finals, Stewart said, was to help the students. "We like to spread the student (tests) out, so that they have plenty of time to study. That means that no student has more than two finals a day."

Students recognize this fact as well. David Mortensen, a second-year law student, said, "Considering the fact that our entire grade rests on one final, and there are no other assignments the entire semester, we need the time."



Elders Tyler Miner, left, Terry Wallentine, wearing trenchcoat, and Joseph Renwick get a dose of the holiday spirit in the MTC.

## Christmas for missionaries in MTC a spiritual experience

By CHERI PADFIELD  
Universe Staff Writer

An official at the Missionary Training Center said being a missionary in the MTC during Christmas is different than being stranded at school because it is a spiritual Christmas most missionaries really enjoy.

"You have to see it to believe it," said Michael A. Carter, MTC assistant administrative director. He said many missionaries look at Christmas in the MTC as one of their best.

There will be more than 1,700 missionaries in the MTC for Christmas. "Typically they don't call home at Christmas," Carter said. He said because there are so many missionaries it would be impossible for all the missionaries to call home.

Carter said Christmas activities will start Christmas Eve when the missionaries gather to sing Christmas carols followed by an address by Elder Dallin H. Oaks.

Christmas Day starts with breakfast at 7 a.m. followed by personal time for the missionaries to write letters, Carter said. The missionaries will then meet with the MTC president Richard K. Klein and his wife. He said other Christmas Day events include

watching the First Presidency Christmas message and eating a Christmas lunch.

"A fun tradition at the MTC is when the missionaries can put their goodies out on a share table where they can pick and choose," Carter said the missionaries then visit, share their goodies and eat a sack-dinner.

The final activity of Christmas Day will be an address by Elder Richard G. Scott. Carter said the activities and the addresses by the members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles make Christmas a spiritual experience for the missionaries. "It's spiritually power-packed for them."

Sandford Porter, 25, who was in the MTC for Christmas of 1985, said he would rather have been with his family, but Christmas in the MTC wasn't too bad. "It was almost like an adventure to be out on my own and it was my first Christmas away from home."

Porter said Christmas in the MTC was better than the Christmas he spent in Korea because in Korea they didn't really celebrate Christmas.

Carter said missionaries usually enter the MTC on Wednesday, but he said no missionaries will enter the MTC during the week of Christmas.

## Finding the perfect tree is centuries-old tradition

By RYAN WHITNEY  
Universe Sports Writer

The annual hunt for the perfect cone-shaped fir is once again under way for millions of families all over the world.

For some individuals the selection of the right tree becomes a quest, said Clark Griswald, a devoted family man. For instance, some devoted tree-hunters pass over the local tree lots and head for the high-country in search for "THE TREE" that can stand as the symbol of family pride and Christmas spirit.

However, over recent years, this long-standing Christmas tradition has been dwindling in popularity. According to a recent survey conducted by Penn State University, one-third of all families in the United States have artificial trees.

If you take a step back and look at the ritual of erecting a dead tree in your living room, you might call it ludicrous. However, when one begins to understand the origin of this ritual and the symbol of Christianity it represents, the whole concept of the Christmas tree takes on a different meaning.

Many believe the first Christmas tree to be dated back to the early 16th century in Estonia, which is now one of the Baltic states. However, accounts of the Christmas tree have been found as early as the fourth century in and around the country of Turkey.

On Dec. 25, members of the cult of Mithras, a mystery religion that worshipped a god who dies and is resurrected, would go up into the hills and cut down a pine tree. The pine tree was chosen because it represents

eternal life, said Allen Christenson of the Humanities Department.

"They would then bring this pine, which was representative of the eternal character of the god, down to the town and decorate it with gold and silver and other jewelry," he said.

Cutting down the tree represented the death of their god and setting it back up and decorating it represented the god's resurrection and glorification.

The reason why the Mithrians performed this event on Dec. 25 is because the winter solstice is Dec. 22. Being the shortest day of the year, the Mithrian people believed that it also represented the death of the world as well as the death of their god Mithras. They believed he was resurrected three days later, on the 25th.

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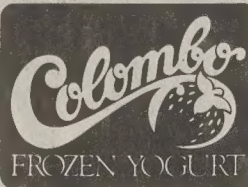
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## Program helps 'forgotten' patients

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JULIE HOUGAARD  
Universe Staff Writer

Christmas can be a time for families to reunite and celebrate together, but for many patients at the Utah State Mental Hospital it's a time of loneliness and being forgotten.

"The 'Forgotten Patient Program' means a lot to our patients, they feel someone remembers them," said Jan Chilton, director of public relations at the hospital.

Chilton said volunteers are needed to take a patient's name and provide a wrapped Christmas gift (or gifts) for them.

Volunteers are given the patient's size and a list from the patient of a few possible gifts.

"The packages donated will be placed under a Christmas tree, and the patients will open them together as a 'family' on Christmas morning," Chilton said.

"They don't get much during the year, so new things are really needed," she said.

Christie Giles, director of United Way Volunteer Center, said presents can be purchased for young children on up to senior citizens.

"There are 75 patients that have not received a sponsor," Giles said. "There is a great need for this type of assistance," she said.

Chilton said needs include grooming items, candy, new underclothing — especially for men, new socks, toiletry items and toys for children. Nothing with razor blades or aerosol should be given.

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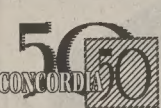
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## Ski Utah, but do it x-country

By KARIANNE HENNI  
Universe Staff Writer

Utah offers great skiing for more than alpine enthusiasts.

The area surrounding Provo offers several possibilities for cross country skiers as well. Homestead, Ruby's Inn, Sherwood Hills, Solitude, Sundance and White Pine all offer groomed trails with a variety of terrain and difficulty.

Homestead, near Heber City, has 20k of groomed tracks, Shauna Vanderlinden, nordic ski director at the resort, said. There are two side-by-side tracks for classic skiing and a 6-foot wide skating lane, Vanderlinden said.

She said the cross-country tracks are on an 18-hole championship golf course with a nice variation of tracks, the easiest trail being 1.3k, the more difficult one being 11.6k and the most difficult being 6.1k.

Ruby's Inn, in Price Canyon about a four-hour drive from Provo, offers more than 20k of tracks, Jean Seiler, at the marketing department of the nordic center, said.

Seiler said the tracks are groomed for classical skiing in addition to a 12-foot-wide lane for freestyle skiing. "The tracks run through gentle rolling terrain, through pine forest and open meadows," Seiler said there is a large area open to back country skiing as well. Sherwood Hills has 20k of double tracks for beginner to intermediate skiers, receptionist Brend Beck said.

Solitude has 17k of groomed trails, ticket operations manager for the resort, Lori Vawdrey said.

The trail offers both classical and freestyle skiing Vawdrey said, "and it's really scenic." The skiers may choose to start either at Solitude or at the Brighton Loop. The terrain by the Brighton Loop is easier.

"With 10k of track and other trails, winding through aspen groves and over open meadows, skiers are assured some of the most pristine back-country skiing available," said Sam Palmater, director of the Sundance Nordic Ski Center. Assistant Marketing Director Mark Olson said Sundance offers trails for all levels of cross country skiers. The trails vary between classical and freestyle skiing.

White Pine, close to Park City, has 9k of tracks on easy to moderate terrain, nordic ski instructor, Suky Clutz said.

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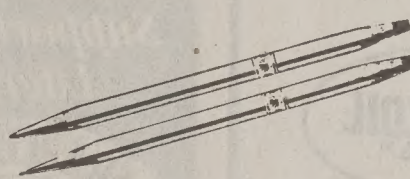
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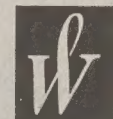
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# Christmas inspiration to musician

## Yuletide memories of childhood become part of music

By ANN BARRUS  
Universe Staff Writer

Memories of Christmas are felt in each note of the Christmas melodies that fill the air around Christmastime and linger with us all year round. Kurt Bestor and a 40-piece orchestra will perform some of the most memorable melodies written and inspired by Christmas in the debut of Kurt Bestor's "An Airus Christmas II" tonight and Saturday at Symphony Hall.

"An Airus Christmas II" contains traditional Yuletide favorites, such as "Joy to the World," "Little Drummer Boy," "I Wonder As I Wander" and

"Oh Holy Night." Each song has a personal memory and story behind it, Bestor said.

"Music is just a reflection of life. It is nothing by itself," Bestor said. As he reflects Christmas memories in his music, it does not take him long to actually sit down and write the music for a Christmas album. It does take him a while to get the inspiration for the music, Bestor said.

Bestor said he usually thinks of

memories of Christmas in the past and neat times he has had with his family to get an idea for a song. "Once I have those it is pretty easy to write

better than another. It is just what your personal preference is," Bestor said.

Bestor said he is open to all types of music.

"I do not care for some music, but it does not make it bad music."

Bestor said a lot of his time is spent in non-musical

ways, such as wandering around the mountains, driving around and skiing. He goes out and listens to the music of life and then comes home and writes it down. "It is a language I speak," Bestor said.

Anybody can learn the mechanics of music. Speaking the language is a different matter, he said.

"Whenever I think of emotions, I can convey them on paper. When I think of an emotion, I can play it. Sometimes I can say things in music I cannot say in words," Bestor said.

"I think I am a better musician because I do not just do music," Bestor said. He swims, skis and feels he leads a well-rounded life.

"I write music about how I feel about God. That is a very important part of my musical experience, to worship God," Bestor said.

Making a living in music is enjoyable but certainly not easy, Bestor said. "I am in charge of my own hours, but I am a hard boss," Bestor said. Deadlines must be met.

Every day he listens to at least two hours of other composer's music. Debussy and Bach are two composers that have greatly influenced him, he said.

In the future he wants to continue doing what he is doing, but he wants to do it better or "do it Bestor," he said.

Bestor wants to offer an alternative to people. "I want to write music that moves people, that uplifts people and makes a difference in their lives. I want music that makes people cry, makes people smile, makes people feel wonderful because music is meant to do that," Bestor said.

"I want everybody when they come to my concert to feel like they are sitting in my front room," Bestor said. He wants his albums to be classy and emotional.

"It is not just classical, it is not just jazz, it is not just folk, it is a nice synthesis of a lot of different kinds of music. That is kind of my style."

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— Kurt Bestor

it down," Bestor said. A memory of tobogganing with his family gave him the inspiration for the song "Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella," Bestor said.

Bestor is known nationally for music he has written for ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox, including original music for ABC's coverage of the 1988 Winter Olympics for which he won an Emmy.

When he writes for television and films, Bestor is not really told the kinds of music to write. Instead, he is told feelings and emotions. "Somebody says to me 'happy,' I hear a certain kind of music, and somebody says 'passion,' I hear a certain kind of music," Bestor said. Somebody says, "The Today Show," and gives him some adjectives, he hears music to fit the situation, Bestor said.

Bestor said he has been composing since he was a kid. "I would always take what my piano teacher gave me and change it around."

Bestor said he wrote his first song on paper in eighth grade for a girl. It was not the most mechanically correct, but he did write it all down and gave it to her. "Women have definitely been the source for a composer's inspiration for many years."

Bestor said he remembers going to a movie as a junior in high school and hearing the music. He said he realized somebody was able to have a good time writing music for a film and making money at the same time. He decided that was what he wanted to do.

"That has been my goal ever since then to write music for film and television," Bestor said.

All along the way he went through different types of music to make a living. He wrote jingles for awhile, he wrote for beauty pageants and many other types of music, Bestor said.

"I think every sort of music has merit as long as it is written for the right reasons and sincerely. I do not look down on any sort of music. I do not think any one type of music that is



KURT BESTOR

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By ANN BARRUS  
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On Dec. 19, the Madison High School Bell Canto Choir will perform their Christmas concert.

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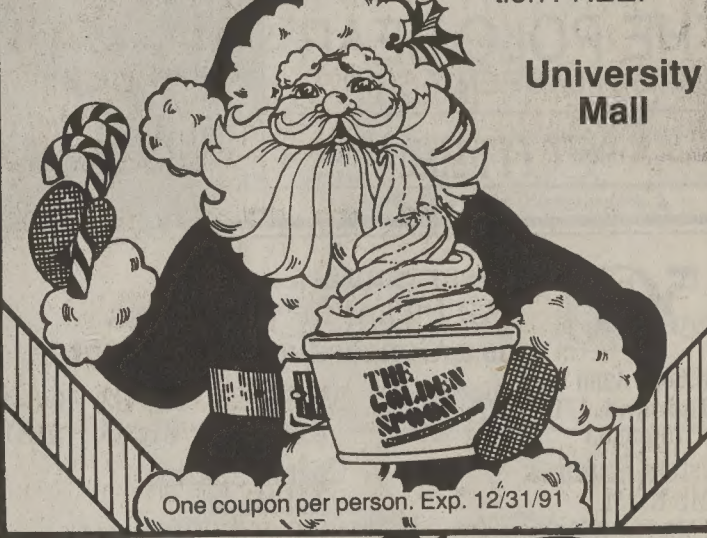


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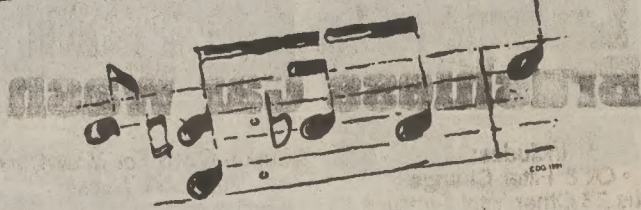


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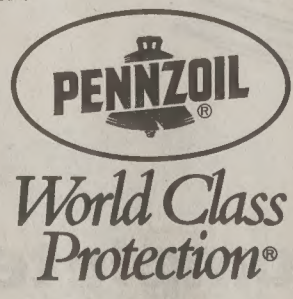
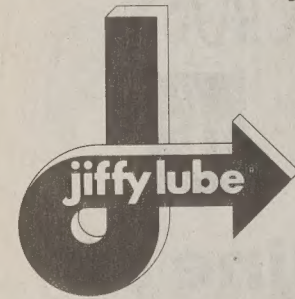
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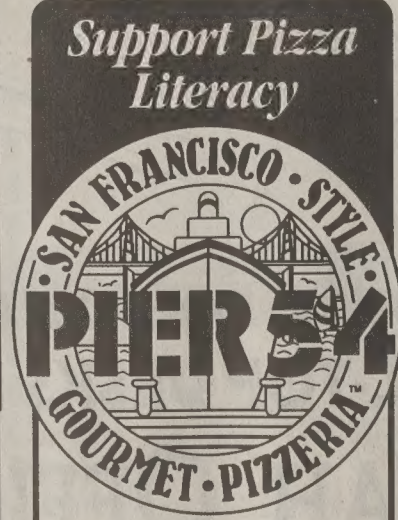


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# Play 'Promised Valley' now a novel

JULIE HOUGAARD  
Universe Staff Writer

The musical, "Promised Valley," written by Arnold Sundgaard and Crawford Gates, has been expanded to a historical fictional novel in an attempt to reacquaint or introduce the story to people of all ages. The authors of the novel adaptation, once Williams and Tillman (Tip) S. xell, are both BYU alumni. Williams has a bachelor's degree in motion picture and acting and Boxell a degree in history and a master's degree in motion picture directing. "Tip and I are both film makers and writers. Originally we thought of this adaptation as a movie, but as we developed it, we realized it would be better to create the novel before the film," Williams said. "This is the first novel for both of us. It took us two years to complete," said Williams. Williams said the musical was originally created for the 1947 centennial celebration of the Mormon Pioneers coming to Utah. Sundgaard, who was a non-LDS Broadway playwright,

and Gates, who was 25 at the time, and directing the live KSL studio orchestra, locked themselves into a room in Hotel Utah and put the musical together. Sundgaard wrote the story, as Gates developed what would become the live music for "Promised Valley." Word leaked out about a musical that was expected to be the best ever, and by the time they were ready to stage the play, it was sold out. It was to run for one week, but because of demand and popularity, it ran for two. Harvey Fletcher, an inventor, approached them in the summer of 1947, to see if they wanted to use something not very well known at that time — stereo. They decided to try it, and Mormon talent became famous. "One big misconception is that the Church commissioned this play to begin with, but it was actually the State of Utah. Eventually the Church continued the play and it became an ongoing thing," Williams said. "Promised Valley" was performed nightly in an open-air theater called "Temple View Theatre," during the months of June through August, from

1952 to 1971. The theater was positioned east of the Temple, where there is now a fountain. During the play, the Temple was in the background with no lights on, until after the miracle of the gulls when it was dramatically lit. In 1971 the LDS Church did away with the open-air theater on Temple Square and purchased the "Lyric Theatre," where the play ran until 1983, and gave the theater its current name, "Promised Valley Playhouse." "It has played all over the United States and more than five million people have seen it. The play has been translated into six languages," Williams said. "The National Tourist Board determined that between 1971 and 1983, 'Promised Valley' was the fifth most visited tourist attraction in the United States," he said. Williams said someone coined the phrase, "This is the Mormon 'Gone With the Wind.'" Concerning the novel, Duane Hiatt, BYU's director of editorial and media production for continuing education, said, "I really like it. The book isn't a deep and heavy dissertation of

Mormon history and doctrine, but for people who want to get a feel for the pioneer's experiences, it's really good. "Though the characters are fictional, it captures people's personal feelings and struggles in giving up everything to help build the Kingdom of God. I like seeing the heroic acts of pioneers and personal heroism of each individual." Williams said the story is very dramatic, with more action, adventure and romance than the play. Historical characters such as Brigham Young and Porter Rockwell are in it as well. "It's a huge epic story of events and things that really happened," he said. The authors were careful not to cut out any of the play. Even the songs flow through the novel, sometimes in thoughts or poetry. "We have built on the play and introduced a new character. People who saw the play and read the book, said they can't imagine the story without him," Williams said. "It is my hope that not only will the three generations who grew up with 'Promised Valley' rediscover it, but that many new generations will as well," Williams said.

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## Singer turns author with Christmas tale

By GAIL S. SINNOTT  
Universe Staff Writer

Christmas is coming. This is hardly news, but what is new is Michael McLean.

He's got a new book and album out and he'll be performing the story from the book with music from his new album at BYU on Dec. 14.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. in the ELWC Ballroom. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the music ticket office.

McLean's new book "The Forgotten Carols" tells the story of a young nurse who is very unhappy with her life, said Bronwyn Boyd, publicist for Deseret Book.

This young woman is asked to care for an elderly man on Christmas Eve who thinks he is 2,000 years old, McLean said. He sings for her carols about the forgotten characters of the Christmas story; Joseph, the innkeeper and the shepherd that was left behind in the field, she said.

The story will be punctuated by these carols which can be found on McLean's new release of the same name. McLean will be accompanied by a Utah Valley vocal group called Latter-Day Sounds, Boyd said.

Performing solos will be Phil Jones, Laurie Hirschi and Felicia Sorenson. The reason behind the "The Forgotten Carols" are simple. "The old man's 'forgotten' carols change the way the nurse feels about Christmas forever — and I hope they will earn the right to touch others as well," McLean said.

McLean said he believes songs are gifts that come from another source and he just wanted to give those gifts to the public in "The Forgotten Carols," he said.

It was difficult to do, however, because Christmas music is the most popular and best music ever written, he said.

"It's kind of intimidating to write Christmas music because everybody knows the classics and loves them," he said. "With the new songs, I hope that people will get a different perspective of Christmas and be able to appreciate it more," he said.

McLean also said he chose to do "Nora's Christmas Gift" and "Mr. Krueger's Christmas" because at Christmas time people hearts are more open and they have a larger impact during the season.

In the same way "The Forgotten Carols" is designed to soften people's

hearts and make them feel good about the season, he said.

The book is supposed to be read and the music played at intervals within the story. McLean said he hopes families will incorporate this story into their family Christmas traditions.

Already, McLean has performed in Arizona, Las Vegas, St. George, Southern California, Denver, Colo. and Ogden to sold-out houses, Boyd said.

McLean has also served as producer of "Mr. Krueger's Christmas" and "Nora's Christmas Gift." He has also produced commercials for the LDS Church "Homefront" series and has many musical albums out on the market, she said.

McLean has been involved with the productions of many LDS Church films like "The Prodigal Son," "Together Forever," "What is Real" and "Heavenly Father's Plan," he said.

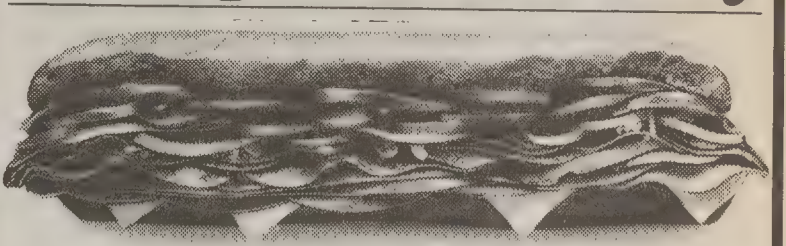
He started with these productions and later turned to music because it was something he loved to do, McLean said. This love has turned into a number of albums.

In the musical world McLean has produced six albums. "You're Not Alone," "Stay With Me," "Celebrating the Light," "A New Kind of Love Song" and "One Heart in the Right Place," are among those he counts in his repertoire along with "The Forgotten Carols," he said.

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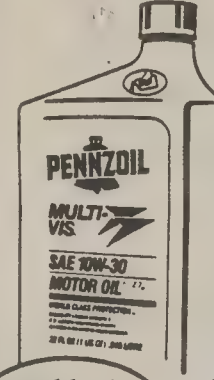
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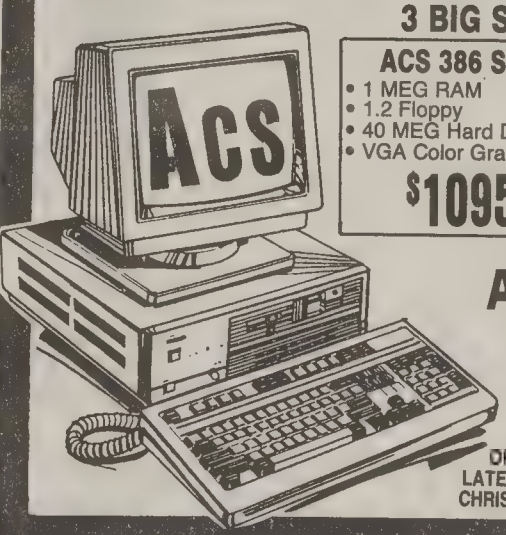


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# Symphony plans seasonal concert

By ANN BARRUS  
Universe Staff Writer

The Utah Symphony, conducted by Maestro Joseph Silverstein, will give its annual seasonal concert Dec. 20 and Dec. 21 at 8 p.m. in Symphony Hall.

The symphony will perform Tchaikovsky's Suite from "The Nutcracker," Anderson's "Christmas Festival," the "Carol of the Bells," and Alder's "The Feast of Lights."

Also appearing on the program will be the Hillcrest High School Choir under the direction of Brian Bentley, on Friday night, and the West High School Choir, under the direction of Richard Torgeson, on Saturday, said Ken Rogerson, public information manager.

Rogerson said the concert will end with a traditional sing-along of Christmas favorites, the choir being featured in Handel's Hallelujah

Chorus from the "Messiah." In addition to the choirs and the other Christmas works, the Utah Symphony Youth Guild chooses two of its members to be featured soloists, Rogerson said.

On Friday, 18-year-old Jennie Watson will perform the first movement of Chopin's "Piano Concerto No. 1."

On Saturday, 16-year-old Jenny Oaks will perform the "Conus Violin Concerto," Rogerson said.

Symphony Hall will be filled with kids Dec. 21 for Christmas music and a visit from Santa.

The Utah Symphony will perform at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. as part of the Mervyn's Youth Concert Series. Jason Swigert will play "Winter" from Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons" in one concert, and Elena Cho will perform the first movement of Mendelssohn's "Concerto in D minor" in the other concert. Rogerson said.

# Warm up any way you want to

By DEBBIE D. RASMUSSEN  
Universe Staff Writer

With the temperature falling, go one step beyond just staying warm and get hot with what the designers say are this season's trends in winter coats.

Fashion is always in retro, said Dana Kellin, fashion editor for W in Los Angeles, Calif. This year is no different, almost every designer is using styles from the past.

This season's fashions are not coming from one particular time period, they seem to be a collage from several decades.

"To stay warm and remain fashionable this winter you can start hitting the thrift shops and your parent's old wardrobe. Everything you'll need you can probably find there," said Kellin.

"Plaid is a strong influence this season. I have seen several wool, plaid jackets that have a real woodsy look to them. I have seen them in the store for around \$100 and in a thrift store for about \$10. You just need to take the time to hunt," said Kellin.

Ann Marie Austin, fashion editor for New Woman in New York City said, "The designers are doing so many fun things with plaid this season. The colors are so bright. Along with the classic blue and red plaid are dramatic colors like fuschia and orange."

"Wool plaid is being mixed with velvet and crepe, and Oscar de la Renta has done some fun things mixing plaid with fringe. Plaid is so dominant right now that you can find just about any material, color or style coat in plaid,"

Austin said.

The 1940s seem to be influencing every segment of the fashion industry this season, Kellin said. "There seems to be a movement towards the Hollywood glamour look of the 1940s. Faux-fur collars and cuffs on wool jackets, full-length, double-breasted wool coats are what many people are wearing to keep warm this winter."

Andrea Milner, assistant fashion editor for Vogue said, "The American designers are going for the soft, elegant look of Grace-Kelly and Lauren Bacall."

"I have seen so many coats that recapture the essence of the 1940s. The look is double-breasted, close fitting and tapering at the waist to show the figure. I think it is a beautiful look," Milner said.

"Faux-furs are becoming more and more popular," Austin said. "Because of protests regarding animal's rights, designers are moving away from real furs and it is fashionable to be wearing a faux leopard or mink. I have seen some great coats from the 1940s that look almost like a tent - they cut off at the waist. The ones that I have seen are in a faux leopard or a bright wool."

"Leather is the fall stabilizer," Kellin said. "Leather can be found in full-length trench coats as well as biker jackets. Many people think of a hard black image when they think of leather, but Calvin-Klein has created some beautiful winter coats with black leather and lace. He has made some designs that you could wear over an evening dress."

Milner said, "Leather is taking on a really soft look this year. We have

always seen leather with motorcycles and chains, but this year leather is being accented with pearls, silk and lace."

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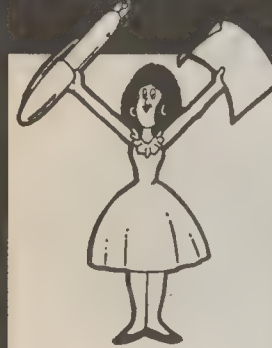
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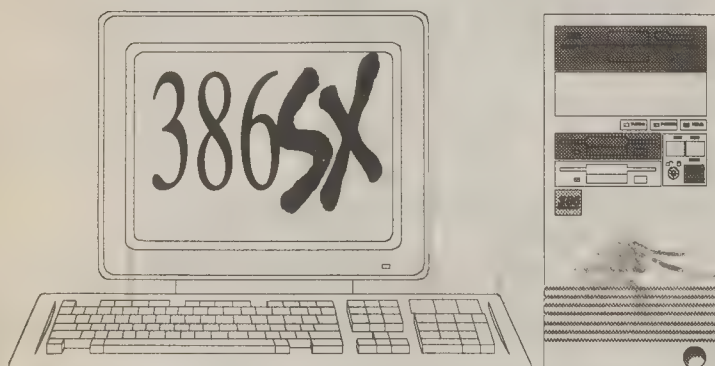
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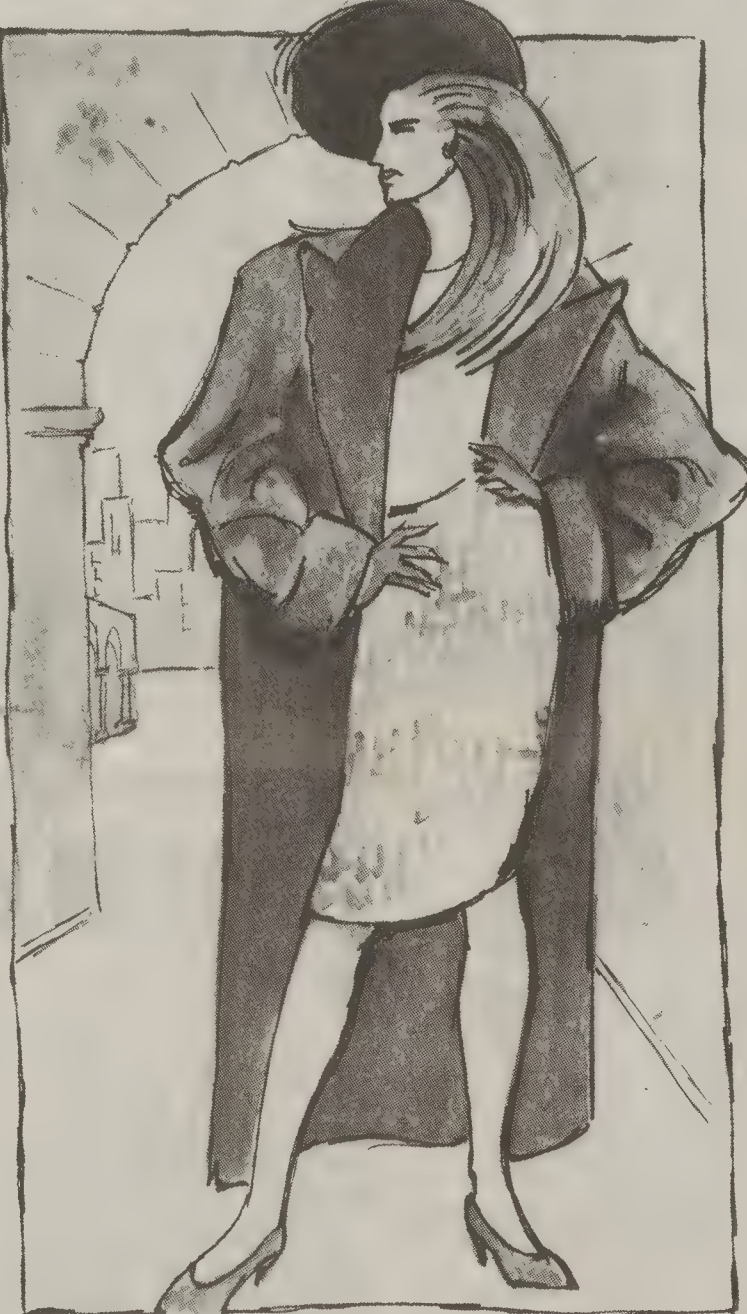
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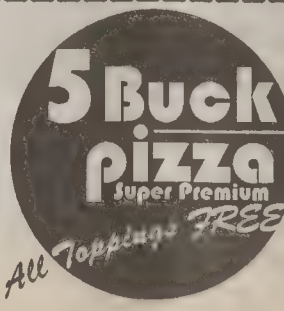
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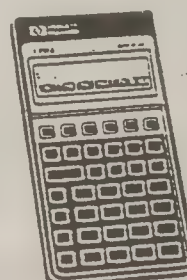
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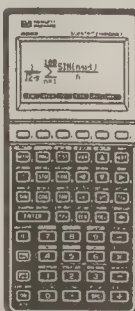


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## Cougar Classic tips-off tonight

Princeton meets Oral Roberts at 5:30, BYU plays USU at 7:30

by KARL WILD  
Universe Sports Writer

The BYU men's basketball team opens its home season by hosting the Cougar Classic tonight and Saturday at the Marriott Center. The Cougars will meet Utah State in a 7:30 p.m. tip-off.

The opening game of the Classic will be at 5:30 when Oral Roberts, (3-4), takes on Princeton, (4-2). Saturday's game will be at 5:30 p.m. for the consolation and 7:30 for the championship.

Utah State, (2-2), upset No. 11-ranked University of Utah Tuesday night in a 74-72 overtime victory.

The Cougars, (3-0), met the Aggies for their first game of the season and BYU came away with an 82-66 win over Utah State.

"Utah State is getting more mature and they have some talented players," said head BYU basketball coach

Roger Reid.

The Cougars will be led by senior point guard Nathan Call. Call is averaging 15 points a game, and he scored a career high against the University of Tulsa with 30 points.

"At Tulsa, Nathan Call had some phenomenal shooting," Reid said. "Tulsa was so quick that we had to be alert the whole game."

BYU's guard Mark Heslop will also be looked upon to be a contributing factor in the Classic. Heslop, who was 0-9 shooting from the field in the Utah State game earlier this season, redeemed himself against James Madison when he hit on eight of his 11 attempts from the field and was four of six from the three-point range.

"Mark Heslop has been down, but then he rose to the occasion at James Madison when Gary Trost happened to be off," Reid said. "At James Madison our inexperience showed early, but Heslop hit a clutch shot at

the end."

Reid said Jared Miller, who has been afflicted with a nagging knee injury, may see some playing time, depending on how he responds in practice and if there is no swelling in his knee.

This is the 18th Cougar Classic and BYU has won the title nine times, the last time being in 1989.

The last time the Cougars got off to an undefeated start when coming into the Classic was in 1987 when the Cougars were 4-0. BYU won the Classic that season and went on to a 17-0 record until it lost at Alabama-Birmingham.

Princeton has a 4-2 record after winning the Dr. Pepper Invitational last weekend, where it defeated Hofstra 54-42 and Baylor 61-54. The Tigers are led by 6-9 freshman center Rich Hielscher, who leads the team in scoring with 11.5 point a game.

Princeton is coached by Pete Carril, who is entering his 25th season as one of the winningest coaches in the NCAA with a 425-221 record. Carril's team is best known for a tough defense, leading the NCAA in scoring defense nine of the last 16 years, including the last three seasons.

Oral Roberts, who brings a 3-4 record into the classic, recently won the Key Centurion Tournament, where the Titans beat host Marshall in the first round 82-62 and then beat South Florida in the championship.

After the Cougar Classic BYU hosts McNeese State on Dec. 19 and Weber State on Dec. 21.

The Cougars remain busy during the Christmas holidays with travels to Orlando for the Red Lobster Classic beginning Dec. 28. BYU begins play against No. 18-ranked University of Michigan. The winner of this game will advance to the championship and play the winner of Florida and Virginia Tech on Dec. 30.

## Former Cougar gridders to compete for positions on Utah Pioneers team

by DAVID L. HANCOCK  
Associate Sports Editor

With the recent organization of the Professional Spring Football League and the announcement that Utah will have a team, several former BYU football players may soon find themselves back in pads.

Chris Smith, a tight end for the Cougars from 1987 to 1990, and Eric Bergeson, a defensive back during the 1988 and 1989 seasons, lead the list of Cougars who are being considered for positions on the Utah Pioneers team, according to Pioneers General Manager Roy Henline.

"Smith will be on our team," said Henline. "Bergeson has already tried out and is a definite possibility. We like the fact that he has a year of NFL experience."

Bergeson spent the 1990 football season with the Atlanta Falcons in the NFL then was released. He returned to BYU this semester to finish his education.

Smith was drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals in the last NFL draft but was unable to make the squad.

Henline said that there are several other former Cougars being looked at closely, among them is Neil Fort.

"Fort is the kind of player that could be a real anchor for us," Henline

said. But according to Henline, Fort's status is uncertain because of his possible commitments to the NFL.

Players will be selected in a January draft, then the teams are scheduled to begin a month-long training camp later in the month.

A unique feature of the PSFL is the dedication of the teams in the league to sign players that played their college ball in the team's area.

"Local college stars would provide a significant amount of excitement and flavor to each franchise," said Walt Michaels, director of football operations for the PSFL.

Each PSFL team will be allowed to invite 75 players to their camp, said Henline. By the first game, the teams must be down to 45 regular season players and five more to be kept on a practice squad.

The Pioneers are scheduled to play the first game of the league's first game of the season, matching up with the Tampa Bay Outlaws in Tampa Bay on Feb. 29.

Henline said at this point it looks like the Pioneers will play their first home game in the University of Utah's Rice Stadium the week after they play in Tampa Bay. Complete 16-game schedules should be finalized within the next couple of weeks, said Henline.

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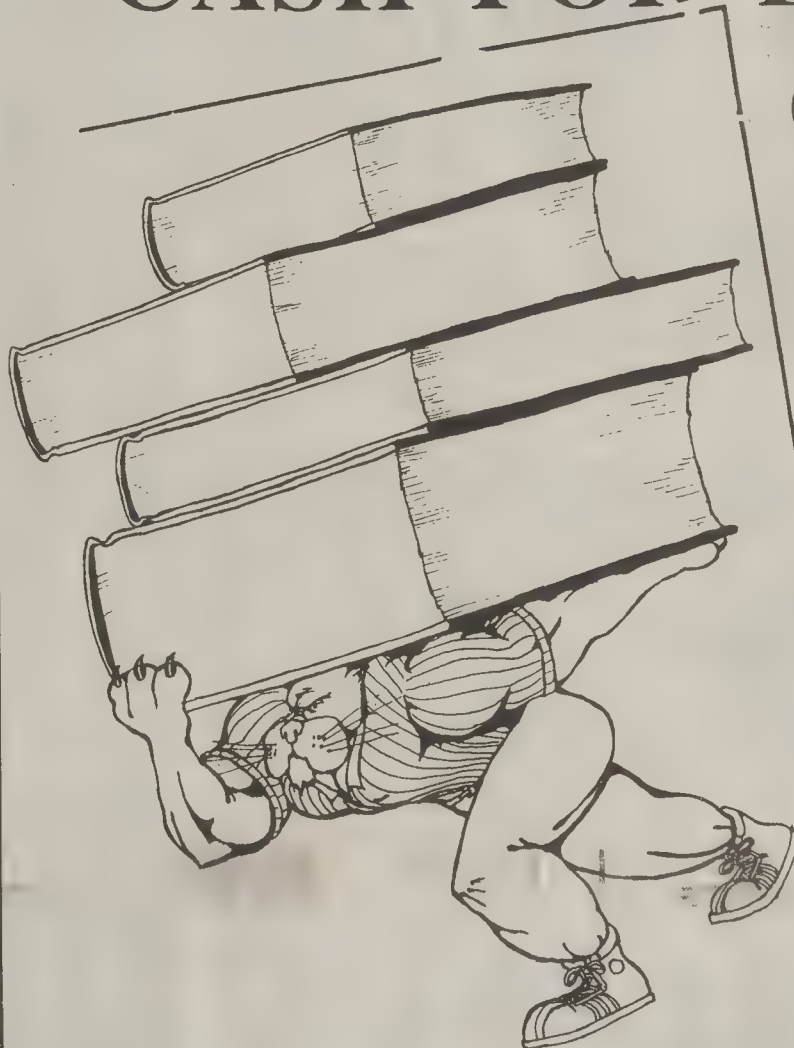


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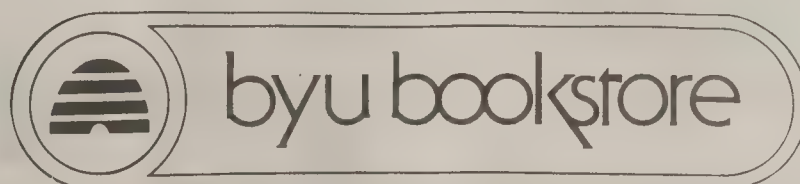
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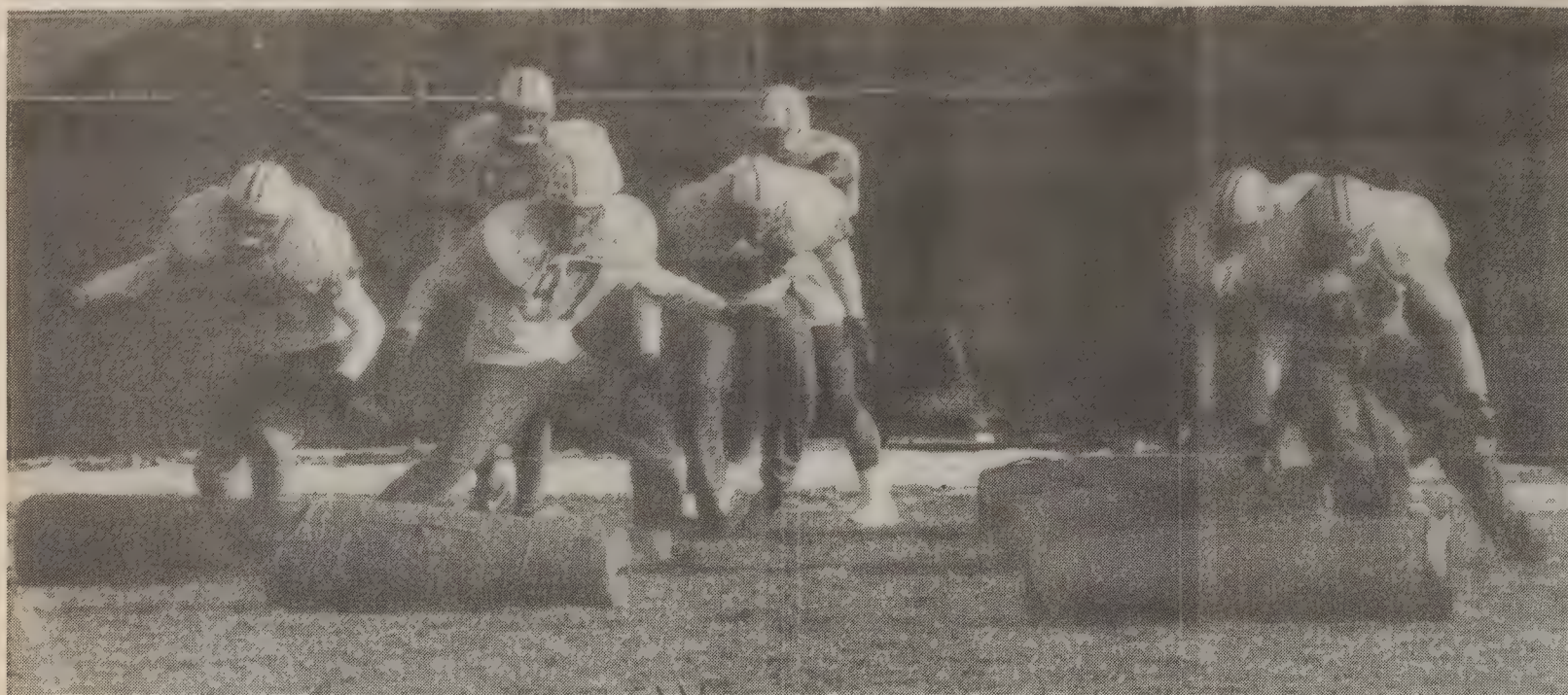
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The BYU defensive line practices one of their drills during Thursday's practice. The Cougars resumed practice, after taking off

since the U of U game, for their Dec. 30 meeting with the University of Iowa in the Thrifty Car Rental Holiday Bowl.

## SPORTSNOTES

By JOANIE CASTLE  
Universe Sports Writer

Ty Detmer, senior quarterback on the BYU football team and last year's Heisman Trophy winner will be in New York City this weekend for the announcement of the winner of the 1991 Heisman. The announcement will take place on Saturday at 5 p.m. Detmer won the Maxwell award last year and then came up the winner of the Heisman Trophy. Michigan's Desmond Howard is following in his footsteps. Howard has already won the Maxwell award and according to the USA Today, Howard has made this year's Heisman voting as suspenseful as an old-time Soviet election. The mystery is if Howard breaks O.J. Simpson's record margin of 1,750

votes for the Heisman. Simpson won the trophy in 1968.

Detmer's schedule of events include a formal dinner tonight, the presentation of the Heisman Trophy winner on Saturday afternoon, a press conference on Saturday following the announcement and a television special, "Heisman Memorial Trophy Award Show" airing on KUTV Channel 2 Saturday evening.

Following the events in New York City, Detmer will fly to Nashville, Tenn., to be part of the Bob Hope Christmas Special. He was also part of this show last season after being named to the Associated Press All-American team at the quarterback spot. He is again on AP All-American team, making him the first player to do so in over 40 years.

## Rock Canyon climbers should practice safety

By GREG J. FEATHERSTONE  
Universe Sports Writer

Rock Canyon near BYU has become a popular site for climbing and hiking but it also has become a place where climbers can get into trouble situations quickly if not properly trained.

The Mountain Rescue and Aquatics Team, a division of the Provo City Police Dept., responded to ten different incidents in the past year. One incident resulted in the fatality of a 21-year-old man that was hiking with friends on the north wall of Rock Canyon. The group was not equipped and the man became separated from the group.

According to police reports, the man tried to descend an area of rock which requires climbing equipment as well as technical climbing abilities. During his descent he lost his holds and fell. A group of climbers on the south wall observed the victim fall and immediately sent for help and then went to assist the victim.

Although the MRT and Life Flight were summoned and they reached the victim while he was still alive, he later died in the hospital as a result of his injuries.

"Climbing is a great sport, but it can get dangerous for even the most experienced climber," said Sara Stout, 21, a junior majoring in microbiology from Upper Saddle River, N.J. "Before people start climbing they really need to be properly trained in safety and climbing."

The Rock Garden, an indoor rock climbing gym, held a safety awareness event last Saturday in connection with the Provo City Police Department to educate climbers in proper climbing procedures and precautions.

"We wanted to promote safety and teach climbing in a controlled environment," said Bethany Haddock, a public relations representative for the Rock Garden.

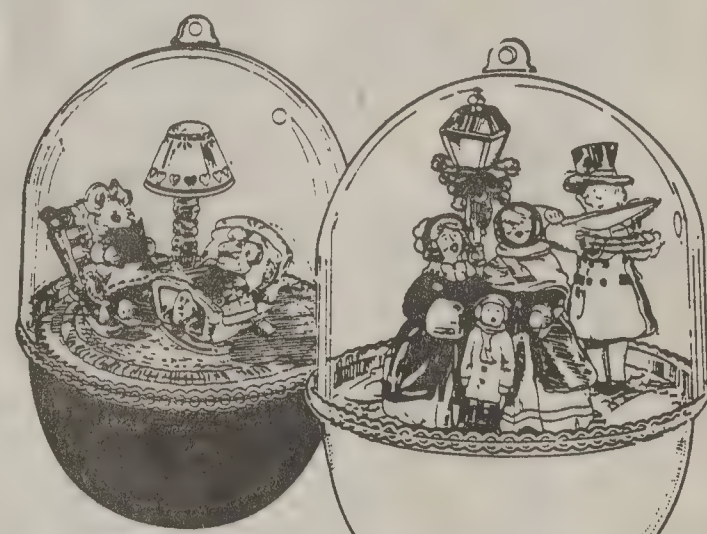
The event featured climbing demonstrations by a member of the Mountain Search and Rescue team of the Provo City Police, and other professional climbers. "Rock climbing is becoming more and more popular in the area, and we wanted to set up the gym to give people a place to learn and practice before taking on the dangers of Rock Canyon," said Scott Burnham, owner of the Rock Garden.

The MRT demonstrated proper climbing precautions and explained difficulties that may arise while climbing. Climbers were taken through various scenarios and questions on how they might respond to.

"I learned a lot about climbing," said Mike Sharp, 22, a senior in economics from Salt Lake City. "I really never thought that there was that much to know about safety in climbing before they (MRT) put me on the spot with questions."

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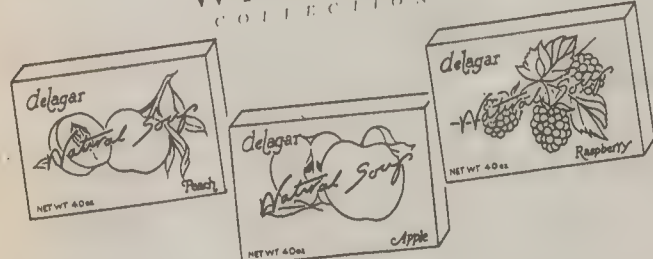


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# Women hoopsters open home season tonight against in-state foe Weber State

By CELESTE J. FITZHUGH  
Universe Sports Writer

After seven straight road games, the BYU women's basketball team will finally play at home this weekend, hosting Weber State University and a team from Portland.

Off to its best start since 1986-87's 1-1 opening, the Cougars started the season with a 3-0 start. But, going

into tonight's game against Weber State the Cougars are 4-3 and ready to play on their home turf. Road weariness caught up with the Cougars and they have lost three of their last four games.

"We can't wait to be home and play in front of a home crowd," BYU head coach Jeanie Wilson said.

Senior forward Lisa Rathbun leads BYU in scoring, averaging 16.0

points per game while freshman center Debbie Dimond is second with 15.2 points per game. Dimond leads the Cougars in rebounds with 8.8 per game.

The hottest player in the BYU lineup is freshman guard Thais Kidd. Kidd has come off the bench to lead the BYU squad in scoring for the last three games.

Also coming off the bench, junior guard Nikki Eyre has been averaging 12.0 points per game, but has sat out the last three games with a knee injury.

Eyre could return to the lineup and play tonight and Saturday for the Cougars. Tomika Young, a junior college transfer, leads BYU in assists with 7.0 per game.

"We have lots of depth and that's a good thing, because by the time we finish on Saturday we'll have played five games in eight days, so we expect to use a lot of players both nights," Wilson said.

As a team, the Cougars are averaging 78.2 points per game on .455 shooting and holding opponents to 71.8 points and .399 percent shooting.

Friday night BYU takes on the Weber State Wildcats who are 2-2 against Western Athletic Conference teams.

The University of Utah and the University of Wyoming have defeated Weber State while the University of Texas El Paso and Colorado State University have dropped decisions to the Wildcats. Weber State's overall record is 2-3 with another loss to the University of Kansas.

Leading the Wildcats in scoring are Cindy Holcomb with 16.0 points per

game, Becky Conrad with 12.6 points, and Jill Sperry adding 12.4 points per game. Holcomb also leads Weber State in rebounds, pulling down 9.8 per game, while Jenny Pokorney leads the Wildcats in assists, dishing out 3.4 per game.

As a team, Weber State is scoring 60.8 points per game on .388 shooting, while opponents are scoring 69.6 points and hitting .385 percent.

Saturday night BYU faces Portland with an overall mark of 2-3. Portland is led by Martha Sheldon, who is averaging 23.6 points per game, and Monica Kessi's 7.4 rebounds per game. Tina Geis is second in scoring with 9.0 points per game while Kathy Adleman leads in assists with 5.2 per game.

Portland is averaging 67.4 points per game on .388 shooting.

Both games begin at 5 p.m. in the Smith Fieldhouse. Admission is \$3.00 for the general public, \$2.00 for students and \$7.00 for a family pass. Children under six are admitted free.

BYU will return home next week to host Montana on December 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Smith Fieldhouse.

The Cougars will also play over the holiday break when they host the BYU Holiday Classic, in the Marriott Center, on Saturday December 28, with games at 6 and 8 p.m. and Monday afternoon December 30 with game times starting at 1 and 3 p.m. The University of Indiana, Kansas State and Pennsylvania will be the teams in the BYU Holiday Classic.

The BYU women's basketball team will start its WAC season on Jan. 16 against the University of Wyoming in Laramie.

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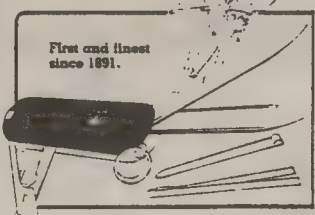
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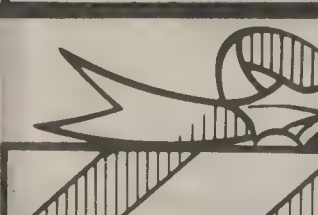
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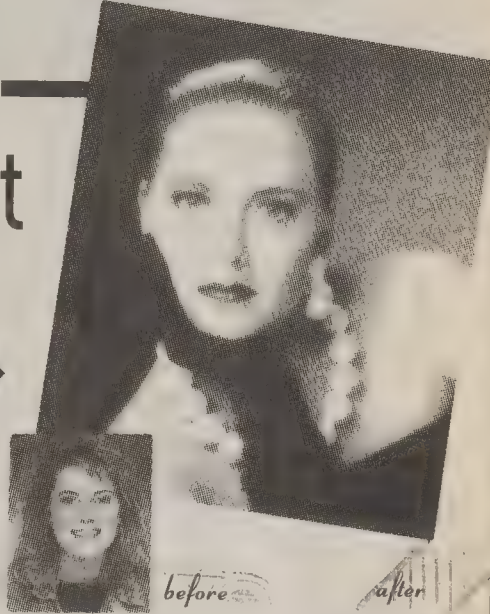
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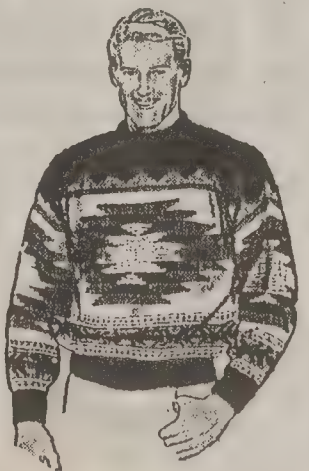
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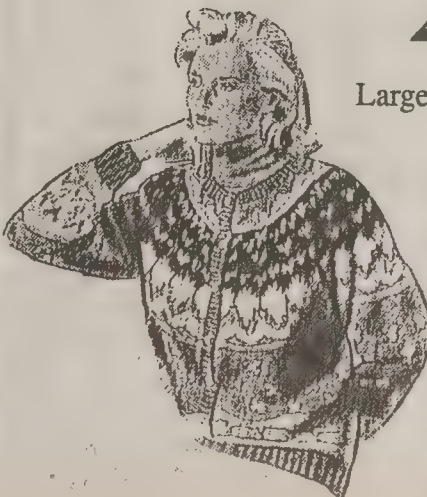


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# Walk-ons contribute to Cougar team

## They work as hard as scholarship players, but without glory

By SHELENE COCKRELL  
Universe Sports Writer

As the 1991 football season is coming to a close and the team is preparing for their appearance in the Thrifty Car Rental Holiday Bowl, there are a few players who should not go unrecognized for their hard work and dedication — the walk-ons.

Being a walk-on means that the player puts in the same amount of time, the same amount of effort and the same amount of sweat as a player who was recruited and is on scholarship, but there are no material rewards given to a walk-on.

Scholarship players receive full tuition and book coverage, plus a monthly allowance for living expenses, along with training table — which is offered to the athletes during the season as well as during the scheduled spring practices.

Walk-on players do not receive any of these benefits. So why do they continue to play?

According to the walk-ons which are a part of the team this year, it's an inner-drive and the love of the game which keeps them going.

Wide receiver Otis Sterling, who is a third-year walk-on, said, "More or less, I just haven't been satisfied with myself as far as just believing that I could be as good as anyone else out there."

"This year I got most of my time, I made some catches in a game, but I felt like I had been doing that all along — I'd just been doing it in practice."

"So, I saw myself doing the same things that the other guys were doing. The only difference was they were doing it in a game and getting the opportunity to play in a game whereas I was just practicing. Obviously that probably has a lot to do with the fact that they were on scholarship and I wasn't."

"I've also kept playing because I've been trying to earn a scholarship," Sterling added.

Scholarships are probably the biggest incentive for athletes to compete on the collegiate level. The coaches realize this and feel that walk-ons who stick with the program should be looked up to.

Coach Norm Chow said, "You admire them. Basically, people play college football for the money. They're getting a free education. These guys don't have it. The scholarship players get to go eat dinner after practice and these guys have to go home. So you really admire what they do. They're out there because they enjoy being out there."

Sterling said, "We don't get anything, not one thing. What they do is they give us a pair of sweats and a T-shirt and then they say you get to wear that Y on your helmet and that's your payment — and you should be happy to do that. And I am grateful for it — honestly."

Defensive back Kap Sikahema, also a third year walk-on player, said, "I never want to quit — regardless of my financial problems. Financial, academic or whatever problems I have, I just don't want to quit. I can last through it."

Sikahema will be graduating next week and will be starting in the Master of Public Administration program in January. With one year of eligibility left, Sikahema still plans on playing for the Cougars next year.

"I have my other goals other than football, but I like playing football because it's fun and it keeps me going."

Sikahema said he is willing to play again "because of the people and the friends and the other players — that's probably it — and opportunity to play Notre Dame and Penn State again. It's a once in a lifetime thing."

Sikahema is not alone. Sterling will be graduating in April with plans to attend the J. Rueban Clark Law School next year as well as continue playing football through his final year of eligibility.

For linebacker Barrett Awai, walking on to play for BYU after a junior college career was a way to fulfill a life-long dream.

"I knew I'd have to walk-on, but the main reason is because I wanted to go play against Hawaii. I figured this would be the best place to come be-

cause of our record against Hawaii in recent years. I want to go home and play against Hawaii and go back to Aloha Stadium one more time before my football career ends.

"The best way to do that was to come to BYU so that's why I walked on here."

For senior defensive back John Christensen, his years as a walk-on were worth it because of the friends. "The school — I wanted to graduate from BYU. Football was secondary. I made a lot of good friends and had fun out there. And, I guess, if you love something enough you enjoy it no matter what."

"Being a part of the team and going on trips and traveling has paid off," Christensen said.

Sometimes it does pay off — in a big way — even for walk-ons.

Sterling said, "One of the things that attracted me to BYU as a walk-on was the fact that there had been several walk-on players that I know of that have made a name for themselves when they've come here. Like Chuck Cutler and Mark Bellini."

"I looked at those guys as being walk-ons and starting at the bottom of the ladder and working themselves up and I said, 'Hey, if they can do it I can do it too.' There is a way for walk-ons to move up that ladder."

Take, for example, senior defensive lineman Chris Conners.

Conners was a walk-on last year from Ricks College and received a scholarship for his final year of play during the 1991 season.

Since he has seen the grass on both sides of the fence, Conners related what he saw as the difference between being a walk-on and a scholarship player.

"Everything goes a lot smoother when you're on scholarship as opposed to being a walk-on. Because after you get your scholarship you absolutely know that the coaches want you to be there and to play for them."

"It gives you a sense of security and a little more self confidence in your play because they have awarded you a scholarship. I would definitely say it's a better going once you have a scholarship," Conners said.

"As a walk-on, sometimes I got the feeling that you were viewed as an inconvenience as far as playing time and things like that go. They have plans for the future — speaking of the coaches — and they have in their mind players to fill individual spots," Conners said.

"When somebody walks-on and is able to play, I think that the coaches sometimes have to re-adjust and re-think their spots. Through that they decide if they're going to scholarship somebody and if they do then they're worked into the playing scheme."

Conners also recognized that "a lot of times a walk-on will put forth a lot more effort and lots of times be more talented than those players who were scholarship right off the bat out of high school."

"I think that it's important to re-evaluate the scholarship players and find out who's putting out an effort on the field and make an effort to play your best player."

"There are a lot of walk-ons that I see in practice who play their heart out and practice like crazy and put forth great effort and are still not recognized for the great players they are."

The walk-ons, as well as the coaches, agree that there should be at least some form of compensation for these players who contribute as much to the team as anyone else.

Chow said, "No question about it. They're working just as hard as the guy right next to them, yet after they clean up and after they lift weights they have to go home and fend for themselves, while the other scholarship players are wine and dined and eating all they want to eat. It's all or nothing. The NCAA ruling for Division I football, either you give a guy a full scholarship or he gets nothing. There are no in-betweens."

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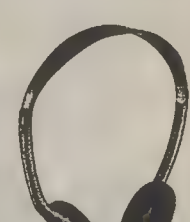
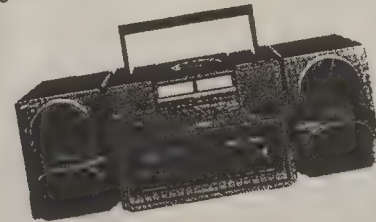
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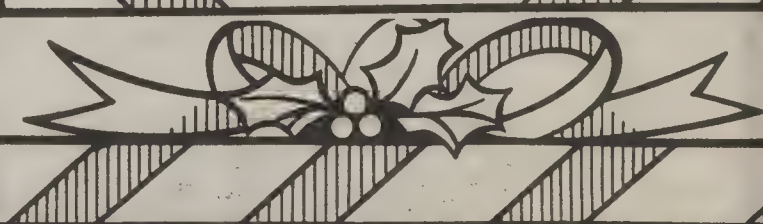
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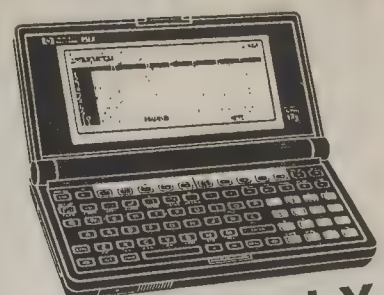
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# Reds and Kansas City make big moves during baseball's winter meetings

Associated Press

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — It was nearly midnight the final day of the frenzied winter meetings at the Fontainebleau Hotel when Lou Piniella ran into the lobby of Kansas City Royals officials in the lobby. The Cincinnati Reds manager was sauntering back to his room. The Royals were scurrying to announce two trades.

"Hey, what are you doing?" Piniella shouted, trying to upstage us?"

Within moments, the Royals told everyone they had moved seven more players, including Bret Saberhagen.

"That's the part you hate, telling someone who's meant so much that he has to leave," Royals manager Hal McRae said hours later, when late Wednesday night had turned into early Thursday morning. "But baseball is a business, and the business is to win."

The New York Mets and California haven't stood still, either. They also were big reasons why 51 years, a winter meetings record, were on the move this week. That included 14 trades, seven of them Wednesday.

On Thursday, the Atlanta Braves re-signed free agent Otis Nixon, guaranteeing him two years for \$6 million and giving him the option for an additional season at another \$2.5 million.

Nixon was leading the majors with 72 stolen bases when he was suspended last September for

using cocaine. He missed the Braves' run to the World Series and the penalty will carry over 18 days into next season.

The Pittsburgh Pirates, which lost free agent Bobby Bonilla to the Mets, re-signed free agent Steve Buechele. The fine-fielding third baseman, who hit 22 home runs with 85 RBIs last season for the Texas Rangers and the Pirates, got a four-year deal for \$11 million.

The Toronto Blue Jays signed free agent pitcher Eric Plunk to a minor league contract. The pitcher the Blue Jays really want is free agent Jack Morris and he's supposed to visit Toronto next week.

Since the World Series ended, the Reds have added Bip Roberts, Tim Belcher, Greg Swindell, Dave Martinez, Scott Ruskin and Bob Geren and do not have Eric Davis, Randy Myers, Jack Armstrong, Mariano Duncan and Scott Scudder. They also got John Wetteland and traded him away two weeks later.

The Royals added Wally Joyner, Kevin McReynolds, Gregg Jefferies, Chris Gwynn, Keith Miller and Bob Melvin, and lost Saberhagen, Todd Benzing, Storm Davis and Bill Pecota. Almost certainly, free agent Danny Tartabull also will be lost.

"When you've finished sixth for two straight years, you do things and take certain risks that you ordinarily might not do," Royals general manager Herk Robinson said, explaining why he sent away Saberhagen.

The Mets have also gotten Eddie Murray in the offseason and have an outside shot at re-signing free agent Frank Viola. If they got him, he would join Saberhagen and Dwight Gooden as the first-ever rotation with three Cy Young winners.

"All I want to know is, who's going to finish second," Baltimore executive Frank Robinson laughed, looking ahead to the NL East race. "That's all I want to know."

Joyner left and Angels general manager Whitey Herzog gambled this week by getting Von Hayes and Hubie Brooks.

"We couldn't afford to do nothing. We finished in last place," Herzog said. "You have to have a plan and follow. You have to be a little smarter than everyone else, or at least think you are."

Buechele thought he might wind up with the New York Yankees. At a meeting where several teams put names into a hat and shook it up, and the Yankees stood absolutely still.

The Yankees were the first team to contract Buechele after other clubs were allowed to begin bidding. And after Pittsburgh did not offer agent Alan Meersand the four-year, \$13 million deal he was seeking, the Yankees seemed to rank No. 1.

The Yankees tried to fill a longtime need by using eight players at third base last season and they combined for 38 RBIs and 37 errors. An internal management struggle stopped the Yankees from moving and a planned trip to bring Buechele to tour the New York area was canceled.

## Magic says he feels good, denies rumors of illness

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Magic Johnson describes himself now as an educator, spectator, fan, coach, cheerleader and future Olympian.

What he is not, he says, is a bedridden man too sick to keep his appointments.

Johnson on Wednesday responded to rumors and tabloid stories that he is already ill in the wake of his Nov. 7 retirement after testing positive for the AIDS virus.

"I'm feeling fine, working out every day, running four miles," Johnson said.

He denied the need to put on a show for the media to prove he's healthy, but he welcomed the media to watch a 30-minute shooting workout with his former Los Angeles Lakers coach, Pat Riley.

After the workout, Johnson said that some reports about him are so bizarre that they're funny.

He recalled former teammate Michael Cooper used to buy sensationalistic newspapers and read them on the team bus.

"I'd catch myself thinking, 'Wow, an ape gave birth to a tiger,'" he said. "Now I'm on the front pages of them every day."

Several recent missed appointments, he said, were simple misunderstandings, but the tabloids have a field day whenever anything happens.

"My wife and I just laugh at those things, reports that she's sleeping in the basement in the maid's room, things like that. It's just funny," Johnson said.

He said he originally planned to work out with Riley in private, but when the press learned of the meeting, he decided to open it.

## International player decides on BYU to play for women's tennis squad

By THOMAS PETERSON  
Universe Sports Writer

BYU's women's tennis coach Ann Valentine has announced the signing of Susana Labrador from Barcelona, Spain.

Labrador, a 5-foot-6-inch junior college transfer student will join the ranks of the tennis team in January as a major, majoring in marketing and international business.

While at Tyler Junior College in Texas, Labrador's team won the 1990 national junior college championship and she was runner-up in 1991.

In junior college, Labrador was ranked No. 5 in singles and No. 3 in doubles.

"Susana is an exceptionally fine player," Valentine said. "A lot of schools wanted her. She has solid net skills and is a good baseliner."

She's an impact player at the college level in both singles and doubles. She's extremely well conditioned and I contribute significantly to the team. We're excited to have her."

John Peterson, Labrador's coach at Tyler, said, "Susana will represent BYU with integrity, poise and a fierce fighting spirit. This kind of player comes along rarely."

Labrador, who has played tennis all her life, said one of the reasons she's coming to BYU is because of the international players it has.

Labrador will join the list of four other international students already on the tennis team, but will be the first

from Spain.

Among the list of international students already playing tennis for BYU are Evica Koljanin from Split, Yugoslavia; Sarah Mugnaini of Florence, Italy; Monika Koblikova of Ostrava, Czechoslovakia; and Federika Lentini of Rome, Italy. International students now make up over 2/3 of the current Cougar roster.

"It really helps to know some of the BYU players," Labrador said about some of her new teammates whom she played against in Spain and Italy.

Though Labrador will be leaving a winning school to come to BYU, the Cougars are also a major force in collegiate tennis and are ranked No. 15 in the recent Volvo Tennis/Collegiate standings.

"BYU tennis is good for many reasons," Labrador said. "BYU tennis is really good and has always been good, not just for one or two years."

"BYU is also one of the few schools with more than one coach. Players get more attention and better coaching with more than one coach."

Labrador views her experience at both Tyler and BYU as an educational experience. "In Spain, tennis players play tennis only," Labrador said, who currently has two majors. "In the United States, tennis is important, but education is important too. That is why many players come to the United States."

Labrador said she's excited about coming to BYU because of the tougher collegiate competition BYU faces. This year, BYU will play 17 of the top 20 schools in the nation.

## Manley retires after positive drug test again

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Dexter Manley, once suspended for a year by the NFL for drug use, said Thursday he is retiring from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers after failing another drug test.

At an emotional news conference arranged by the team, Manley said he had "suffered a setback," in his battle against drugs.

With tears streaming down his face, he said, "I knew what was at stake. I used poor judgment. I think what's important now is my life, not the material things that football has given me, but fighting to stay alive, to lead a productive life and to take care of my family."

There was no indication what drug was involved.

Manley, accompanied by his attorney, Bob Wolf, and Bucs general manager Phil Krueger, read a short statement.

"Nobody knows better than I do how difficult it is to try day by day, week by week, to draw upon one's deepest reserves and strengths to dig in and fight this insidious disease that had plagued me and so many others," he said.

"I recently have had a setback, and the fact that it has happened, even if only once, shows me that I am in trouble and that I must renew my battle with this disease. Therefore, it is with a heavy heart that I have come here today to announce my immediate retirement from the NFL."

Asked if Manley could be reinstated at some future date, Joe Browne, the league's vice president of communications and development, said, "at this time, I cannot foresee any circumstance under which Manley will ever play again in the NFL."

Wolf said Manley has no intention of playing in the league again. His plans are to attend out-patient drug treatment and pursue a career in radio and television, the attorney said.

A Tampa station, which has employed Manley since September to do sports commentaries, said his contract states that he can no longer work for the station if he tests positive for drugs.

## Longhorns hope Mackovic will build championship team

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — John Mackovic was hired from Illinois on Thursday to coach football at Texas, and talk immediately to winning the national championship, something that has eluded the Longhorns since 1969.

Mackovic, 48, said winning a national title was an important reason for his accepting the job at Texas, which was vacated when David McWilliams was forced to resign Dec.

2 after three losing seasons in five years.

"Yes, I do think you can win a national championship at Texas," Mackovic said. "The history and tradition is such that as you win, you are naturally going to be ranked and you're going to be ranked higher in the polls — whether that's fair or unfair I'm not here to be able to determine."

"But the truth is if you're at Texas and you're 10-1 or 11-0 or 9-2, you're going to be ranked higher than a number of other programs because of the background and tradition and all that has gone before," he said.

"The most important thing is for us to do a solid job in the state of Texas," Mackovic said. "If you're going to win a national championship... if you're a state university, you will have the best chance of ever winning a national championship and being the best you can be when your team is dotted primarily with home state players."

Mackovic declined to say who he would try to hire as assistants, including whether popular Texas defensive coordinator Leon Fuller would be retained.

Mackovic said his meetings with Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds and UT-Austin president William Cunningham went very well, and he cited those two men and the school's academic reputation as the three main reasons for giving up his dual role as football coach and athletic director at Illinois.

"I could see myself being excited about being in an arena that cares about being excellent in every endeavor," Mackovic said.

He told his staff and players at Illinois in the morning, then flew to Austin to meet with the players before addressing the news conference.

Dodds said Mackovic's five-year contract is worth more than \$400,000 annually. That includes radio and television benefits plus possibly donated money.

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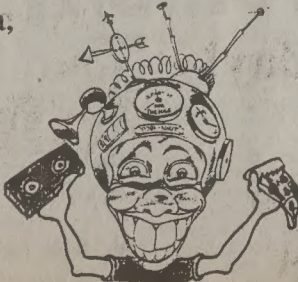
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## New Mexican Christmas custom brings back pleasant memory

By ERIC RUTAR  
Monday Editor

If it's one thing that typifies Christmas in Albuquerque, N.M., it's the several thousand candle-lit brown paper sacks that flicker softly throughout Albuquerque from dusk of Christmas Eve until dawn of Christmas day.

On Christmas Eve, more than 400,000 luminarias, or "little lights," burn in Albuquerque alone. Traffic on our street is backed up — bumper to bumper — from sunset until 2 or 3 in the morning.

All the motorists who brave the 3 mph lines cut their headlights out of courtesy; their headlights would ruin the enchantment the luminarias cast. Besides, it's kind of neat to see your street backed up with cars with only their running lights on.

Luminarias is a Spanish word which refers to a festival light or a sacred light burning in front of an altar.

The luminarias' purpose is both simple and spiritual: they provide a lighted path for the Christ child to follow so that he might find his way into the homes of every household they grace.

A single luminaria consists simply of a brown paper lunch bag filled with a handful of sand and a single, 12-hour votive candle. The visual result of such a simple proposition is, however, quite profound.

Ever since I was old enough to be used as slave labor, I've helped my Mom on the day before Christmas with the luminarias. Preparations for this one-night event actually start in October, before the ground freezes

and hardens for the winter. My mom fills up our rusting green wheelbarrow with sand from my old sandbox and then spreads it in our garage to dry.

The sand is dried because temperatures on Christmas Eve often dip below freezing, and any moisture in the sand will seep through the sack and freeze it in place.

With an ample amount of dried sand in reserve, the only thing that's left to do is wait until the day before Christmas.

Putting up the luminarias is an all-day affair. I usually wake up around 9 or 10 in the morning, and after a light breakfast, I gather enough courage to face a long day of sack folding and sand pouring.

The first task that needs to be completed is the opening of the 300 or so brown paper lunch sacks we keep as stock and re-use each year.

Technically that's cheating, but it saves us a lot of work in the end, especially since the top of each sack needs to be folded down to form a one-inch lip around the top. This makes the sack shorter, and it's done so the sack won't catch on fire as easily. (I guess I really shouldn't complain about unfolding and filling the sacks each year. Our neighbor across the street — in true gringo style — keeps 30 or 40 folded and filled luminarias in his garage year-round; all he has to do is replace the candles and light them.)

Once all the paper bags are opened, they have to be filled with enough sand so the 12-hour votive candle placed inside doesn't melt onto the sack and ruin it. Inevitably, we lose

10 or so sacks each year — especially if it's windy — to fire. Such smoke-damaged merchandise is promptly disposed of, however, and replaced — if I'm not too lazy — before I go to bed.

By mid-afternoon, I'm ready to use my old red wagon to haul several batches of 40 or 50 filled sacks to the median which divides our street, Ridgecrest Drive, into two one-way lanes. Once in the median, they are spaced in intervals of 1 or 2 feet apart until they ring the entire median. This part of the project is the most time-consuming, because our house is "in charge" — unofficially, I suppose — of lining the median in front of the house, as well as our sidewalk and our neighbor's house, with luminarias. All told, that's about 400 luminarias, and — more importantly, to a whiner such as I — a lot of work.

By 3 or 4 in the afternoon, I'm both finished and ready to collapse; I manage to drag my fatigue-weary body inside the house, where I attempt to take a nap before the evening's festivities.

The cold, pink-purple New Mexican twilight recharges me, however; it brings with it a heightened sense of anticipation. After a long day of folding, filling, hauling and placing, the time has come to light the luminarias. All told, it takes only about a half hour to do, but it's an electric half hour or so. That particular half hour, unlike a stats class or work, only arrives once a year. In a funny sort of way, it's almost a sacred half-hour, because not a lot of people can really know how moving the luminaria spectacle is until they see it in person.

## New Mexican Christmas not thrilling

By RUTH CLARK  
News Editor



After reading Eric Rutar's warm and fuzzy article about Christmas in New Mexico, I just had to write a rebuttal. Christmas in New Mexico, for a child, is pure heq (Editor's Note: Heq is the New Mexican translation of heck, which is the Utahn translation of hell, which is what the real world says). While Eric had the, shall we say, thrilling experience of planting luminarias and seeing them blossom at night, I was on the opposite side of the experience, in the bumper-to-bumper traffic, looking at the "little lights."

I moved to the Villa de (Village of) Corrales, which Albuquerque happens to be a suburb of, when I was 6 years old. My parents immediately adopted New Mexican traditions, such as refried beans, chili, cacti, sombreros, blue corn and, worst of all, the Clark family luminaria tradition on Christmas Eve.

Imagine you're 7 years old. It's Christmas Eve. You know you get to open one present before going to bed, and that is basically all you're living and breathing for because you're going to open the present you got from Grandma and Grandpa, which you know is your very first AM/FM General Electric radio.

But first, your parents want to bundle up in the family car with the rest of your brothers and sisters (I had four then) and go look at these lighted lunch bags/pseudo-fire hazards for two or three hours, maybe all night if you got stuck in Old Town New Mexico with all the tourists.

It might have been a relaxing experience, especially with the prospect of opening a present at the end of the long drive. But you have also spent the last four days doing slave labor for your mother because suddenly having a spotless, sparkling home for Christmas brunch is more important than the health and happiness of her own children. So you're dead tired, your mother doesn't love you as much as she loves impressing her Christmas guests, you're stuck in a car with your brothers and sisters for an indefinite amount of time during which you'll probably have to go to the bathroom and by the end of it all, your dad will probably take away your Christmas Eve gift-opening privileges for not being in the Christmas spirit and will talk about Santa Claus giving you a lump of coal.

Basically, it's child abuse. Torture. And, you have to go through it, year after year after year.

Each year, it's basically the same thing. First, there was the waiting until 7:30 or 8 p.m. so it was dark enough for the luminarias to be lit. Then Dad had to search the house for us kids and herd us all into the car and lock all the car doors.

There's not much in way of conversation. "Oh, look at those lights, kids."

"Where, where, Dad?" Heq, there were, only 400,000 of the bloody, blinking little lights. We juveniles in the back had more fun counting the ones that had been blown out. They were only lunch bags!! And we were driving around a strange neighborhood with only our parking lights on! We're lucky we never hit anyone and got our pants sued off for the holidays.

"Ooooooh, look at the pattern on that adobe, children."

"Wow, Mom." In the back, we made bets about how many houses would be burned down by morning if just one of those sacks caught fire, causing a chain reaction of burning lunch bags for miles. We wondered if we could somehow help the process along.

I think the funnest Clark family tradition of looking at luminarias was when we went to Old Town to see them, and got stuck there for five hours, in minus 10 mph traffic. The parents let us get out and walk around, and I got lost for an hour and thought I'd never find the family car again amid those thousands of non-moving, bumper-to-bumper cars. If the "little lights" guided the Christ child, why couldn't they have guided me?

And now I've been in college for five years. When I go home for Christmas, instead of being herded to and then locked into the car, I have the option of deciding whether or not I want to participate in the Clark family tradition.

The first year I was determined not to go, and I didn't. But I couldn't admit that to my parents. Headache, I said. I had the house to myself for three hours, with a list of chores from Mom. Some things never change.

The next year, before going home, I actually put up luminarias around my little apartment, a whole whopping five lunch bags with wax candles. And when I got home, I found Dad toting around lunch bags filled with sand, purchased ready-to-go from the ward Boy Scouts.

For the first time, we had luminarias in our own yard, not only on Christmas, but on New Years, too, and the next year, even Halloween. Next year, I expect to see them at Thanksgiving, maybe even the 4th of July.

It was torture as a child, but I'll admit it, now I get that warm and fuzzy feeling inside when I think about going to see luminarias with my family after being away from home all year.

And then when I'm in that car, I remember what it was really like, and I can't wait to get home to make sure our house hasn't burned down.

Happy Hanukkah, Rutar.

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Associated Press

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The agreement, reached after breakthrough talks that lasted into the night, calls for the Communist North and capitalist South to drop

mutual hostilities and discuss a first formal peace to their 1950-53 war.

"It's a historic night," North Korea's premier, Yon Hyon Muk, said in a dinner toast after the two-day talks at a hotel outside Seoul.

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## Obscene caller gets fine, jail term

By TAD R. WALCH  
Universe Staff Writer

A judge fined a 38-year-old Salem man \$750 and sentenced him to 30 days in jail Wednesday for his involvement in the "kidnapping hoax" obscene telephone calls which plagued Utah County last summer.

Fourth Circuit Court Judge John Backlund handed down the penalty in the case of Mark E. Hansen, 40 N. 100 East, who pleaded guilty to five Class B misdemeanor counts of telephone harassment Oct. 2.

Backlund also ordered Hansen to refrain from any contact with victims and put him on probation for 18 months.

Hansen was arrested Sept. 16 after police traced obscene phone calls to his desk at WordPerfect Corporation in Orem.

Provo Police Capt. Duane Fraser said Hansen first used a female voice when making the calls, identifying himself as a runaway hitchhiking south from Idaho.

The female voice would tell the victim she had been kidnapped by four men and was being forced to dance nude for one of her captors.

She would plead with the victim to speak to the captor, diverting his at-

tention so she could try to escape. Hansen then changed voices and used explicit sexual language.

Orem Detective Gerald Nielsen estimated county police departments had received 150 complaints about the kidnapping hoax calls.

BYU received about 15 complaints from campus residents regarding obscene calls fitting the description of those made by Hansen, said Bill Pray, public relations assistant for the University Police.

Police throughout the county were stymied by the case until Hansen called a Provo woman on Sept. 12. The woman recognized Hansen's story from media accounts, and had her husband call police from a neighbor's house.

The call was traced to WordPerfect, and when Hansen called the same woman Sept. 16, it was traced directly to his desk.

Until the arrest, none of the victims gave police reason to believe one person could be responsible for both voices.

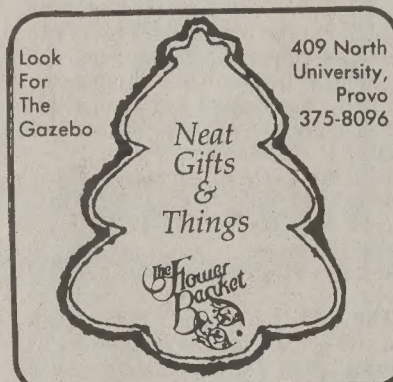
WordPerfect spokesman Jeff Aceron said Hansen was dismissed by the company for his involvement in a criminal offense.

Hansen pleaded guilty to five counts of phone harassment on Oct. 2.

His sentencing, set for Oct. 30, was postponed at the request of the Adult Probation and Parole Board, which makes sentencing recommendations to the judge.

Backlund fined Hansen \$1,000 and sentenced him to six months in jail for each count, but suspended all but \$150 of each fine and all but 30 days of each prison sentence.

Blacklund said the 30-day sentences will run concurrently, meaning Hansen will serve a total of 30 days in jail. Hansen will begin payment of the \$750 on Feb. 28, 1992, paying in monthly installments of \$50. He must serve his time in jail by April 30, 1992.



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